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**Former police officer, and a former Welsh  
Government lawyer, jailed for child sex crimes**  
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## Summer all set to run for kidney disease charity



Showing pluck and determination,  
Summer Kansiray during the  
Kidney Wales 2K run 2017.

A 10-YEAR-old girl from Bridgend will run the Kidney Wales 2K Family Fun Run for the sixth year in a row this September, despite living with kidney disease.

Ten-year-old Summer Kansiray has lived with kidney disease for the last nine years after she was diagnosed with cancer at 14 months old. The disease had an impact on Summer's kidneys which started deteriorating and as a result, Summer received her first transplant when five.

Summer's new kidney started failing a few years ago and she is back on the transplant list. With a fluid restriction of only 400ml every 24 hours, the 10-year-old has needed 11 hours of daily dialysis since February.

Although Summer is not feeling well enough to train for the 2K Family Fun Run, her kidney has never stopped her from taking part. Sometimes she walks the race and sometimes she has to take her wheelchair with her, but despite the pain in her legs, Summer enjoys taking part.

This year, Summer has set up a Just Giving Page ([www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Summerpirozakansiray](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Summerpirozakansiray)) for her Kidney Wales run for the first time.

People have stood behind the 10-year-old since she was diagnosed and her determination has inspired people in Bridgend to donate some £817, exceeding her target of £250.

Joanna, Summer's mother, said: "I don't know how she does it. She isn't well at the moment and although she has a valuable excuse not to take part, she's determined to take part again."

"Support is amazing. We've done a cake sale in the past and everyone came along. We also raised over £1,000 at a tea party."

"It really means a lot to Summer that she has so many people standing behind her."

## Donations help couple rebuild their dreams

### Building issues left them more than £25,000 out of pocket

**A COUPLE from Porthcawl have been overwhelmed by donations to make their house safe after they say a builder failed to complete a loft conversion and left them more than £25,000 out of pocket.**

Bee and Tony Bennett, who are in their seventies and have health problems, had dreamt of adding an attic bedroom and en-suite bathroom to their house after Bee was left a legacy by her father.

Bee explained: "The builder did not begin work for months and then partly built two dormers. 'We found out the house is unstable and needs to be shored up followed by major repairs.'"

Their friend Linda Campbell was so shocked by their predicament that she started a 'Go Fund Me' page to help with repairs to ensure the safety of the house.

She explained: "Bee and Tony are faced with huge costs to make their home structurally safe."

"The building inspector has said that no-one should enter the attic until a structural engineer has assessed what is necessary to make it safe and prevent a major collapse."

"They have been advised that this work is likely to cost more than they

have already paid out and they simply have no funds left to do this."

"Both the Trading Standards Authority and police are investigating this case but, even if the builder were to be charged, this would neither allow them to recover their losses nor repair their home."

In less than a month, £3,000 has been donated. It is being used to make sure the house is safe to live in.

The last thing the couple need is the stress and worry of whether their home is safe.

Bee suffers from a rare degenerative auto immune condition, which leaves her very short of energy and unable to walk any distance.

Tony, who is Bee's carer, suffers from a neurological condition leaving him in constant pain.

Tony said: "We are so thankful for the help of friends, family and total strangers who have contributed to our friend Linda's crowdfunding campaign."

"We have to undo everything the builder has done and start again; it's heart-breaking and expensive."

TIM CHAPMAN



Bee and Tony Bennett are grateful to the people who have helped to pay for work to make their house safe to live in.

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# Civic Trust group responds to Porthcawl regeneration proposals

**ON behalf of the Porthcawl Civic Trust Society, I would like the opportunity to comment on the proposals put forward by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) for the regeneration of Porthcawl.**

The society welcomes the news that the Eastern Prom will be given a new lease of life, improvements will be made to Hillsboro car park and, seemingly, the Harlequin building will be saved (more about this later).

The proposal to build a boutique hotel on or near the Dunraven flats/Glamorgan Holiday Home sites is also interesting. However, overall, I can best quote comments made by members of the society who have described the plans as 'horrific', 'a disaster', 'lacking in imagination' and will 'sink any idea of Porthcawl being a premier seaside resort'.

There will be mixed opinions about the planned supermarket. At a town council meeting on June, 14, councillors expressed concern about the reduced footfall in John Street and it is difficult to see how a second supermarket will do anything to reverse this trend, especially as it will be placed well away from the town centre.

As it is, three shops in John Street have already closed or are due for closure. However, it is recognised that

many people will welcome the additional choice that a second supermarket will bring to the town.

There is a proposal to build a 'budget' hotel which is to be sited on the present car parking area at the end of Dock Street. Surely the town warrants something more upmarket, preferably with conference facilities. The future of the Harlequin building seems to be dependent on the building of this hotel.

The proposal to build four or five-storey blocks of flats on Salt Lake is beyond words. Cllr Charles Smith has stated that housing to be built behind the supermarket is likely to be 'quite dense'. It would be useful if we could see a map showing exactly where the housing and supermarket are to be built.

This leaves the vague idea of some form of leisure facility which may be built in 10 years time? Initially, the land earmarked for this purpose would be leased out and possibly be used as a skating rink in the winter and for housing a big wheel in the summer. The society needs to have far more details about this development before being convinced that it will ever come to fruition. BCBC has also confirmed that there will be a reduction in car parking spaces in the town. Salt Lake will no longer be available and some of the spaces at the Hillsboro Place car park will need to be set aside for the

budget hotel.

Adding car parking spaces to the Portway will not overcome the problem. It is unnecessary to set out the difficulties that will be caused by any reduction in car parking - this is clear to everyone except, it seems, BCBC planners.

So, this is the message we will be sending out:

Come to Porthcawl. Come and see our new blocks of flats, our dense housing, our new supermarket and our budget hotel. But don't come by car because there's nowhere to park.

It is also important that an integrated transport system be considered, in the form of a metro or light railway linking Porthcawl with Bridgend. This would, at least, go some way to overcoming the car parking problem the town already faces at certain times of the year.

So what would the society like to see?

When entering the town, visitors should be met with an attractive and welcoming feature rather than blocks of flats and a bland 'convenience store'.

The society believes that, as far as possible, Salt Lake should be split into two, with the side facing the Portway being used for car parking and the side facing the eastern Prom being landscaped and left as an amenity area. This would leave sufficient open space

to allow for some form of leisure facility to be built at a later date.

The society suggests that BCBC should produce both a map and a costing for the improvements to Hillsboro car park and the eastern Prom and for the plans we have suggested for Salt Lake.

We accept that BCBC wish to recover the £3 million paid to the Evans families for the lease, but more detail is needed.

BCBC should then put fresh proposals and/or alternatives to the town. These should be set out at a town meeting which BCBC have, so far, refused to consider.

If BCBC insists on pressing ahead with its current proposals or continues with its decision not to call a town meeting, the society suggests that the town council call a meeting which we are confident would be well attended.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to make Porthcawl into the best it can be.

Don't let's waste it.

**Don Tickner, Porthcawl Civic Trust Society**

**GEM NOTE: This article appeared on line on Monday (August 6) and BCBC issued this response: "Our plans are based on realistic, achievable, modern proposals that are designed to generate the greatest long-term benefit for Porthcawl."**

"For example, additional hotel accommodation is essential if Porthcawl is to be capable of capitalising on further large-scale events such as the Seniors Open, so we are working with various leisure developers and Visit Wales on the potential for both high-end and budget facilities.

"The housing element and retail store are similarly vital in order to generate revenue to invest in new infrastructure, and to draw in people who can support existing businesses with fresh trade.

"As the council has to work with limited resources, suggestions such as building a light railway to link Porthcawl with Bridgend remain very unlikely. But leisure remains a key objective for the site, which is why the council is intent upon providing a high-quality promenade as part of the early phases of the scheme - the funding necessary for achieving this has to be generated by income from other phases of the scheme.

"We will bring forward other leisure developments as quickly as the investment market allows, and if there is any danger of that not happening until other phases are delivered, the council will look at what interim leisure opportunities could be provided at the southern end of Salt Lake."

## Porthcawl Civic Trust: what it is, and what it does

**THE Porthcawl Civic Trust Society was formed in 1970 at a packed meeting of residents of Porthcawl in the Grand Pavilion at which Wynford Vaughan Thomas was the principle speaker.**

The meeting was inspired by a proposal to extend the Trecco Bay Caravan park into Newton Burrows in order to accommodate another 1039 caravans.

Those attending the meeting agreed that the society must be formed to oppose this proposal and after 20 years of campaigning, Trust House Forte, the then owners of the 50 acres of Newton Burrows, agreed to transfer all but five acres to Glamorgan County Council in exchange for planning consent for housing on that area of land.

Newton Burrows remains to this day a Public Open Space.

Since then The Porthcawl Civic Trust Society, which now has over 400 paid up members, has been involved in many campaigns. In 1991 it persuaded the Welsh Government's Cadw department to give Grade II listing to the Jennings Building which was under the threat of destruction by would-be developers.

It pressed for the subsequent listing of the lighthouse, the Customs House and the Grand Pavilion. It has also fought attempts by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to demolish the Harlequin Building in order to provide six extra car parking spaces.

Cadw supported the society's case and BCBC has now agreed to restore this building and to bring it back into use.

The society opposed BCBC's original plan to close the Portway access road to the Esplanade, a proposal now withdrawn, and supported the council's bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant by producing a report which covered the history of town's early residential area and the old inner and outer docks.

The successful bid enabled BCBC to support the restoration of the Jennings Warehouse. A further report detailing the commercial and recreational history of the town is currently being prepared.

More recently, the society has informed residents living in the Dan-y-Graig area of the town of two plans being considered by BCBC.

The first relates to the building of 190 houses at the end of Dan-y-Graig Avenue and the second relates to a proposal to change local

footpaths into bridleways.

The society is aware that a few people (believed to be equestrians) have expressed concern about the society's involvement in the second of these two proposals but, overall, the feedback has been positive and the society has gained 14 new members as a result of its involvement.

All residents of Porthcawl are welcome to join the society and application forms can be downloaded from the society's website, porthcawlcivictrustsociety.co.uk, or obtained by telephoning the membership secretary, Marilyn Smith, on 01656 782999.

**DON TICKNER**

## 'Bid for extra cash to combat crime' local councillor tells police commissioner

**CONSERVATIVE councillor Carolyn Webster is calling on the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to waste no time in bidding for UK Government cash to help tackle youth crime in the area.**

Home Secretary Sajid Javid has doubled the Early Intervention Youth Fund from £11 million to £22m and bids are now invited for a share of the money to help projects over the next two years.

Cllr Webster, who represents the Newscastle ward, said: "Tackling youth violence, and the causes of youth violence, should be a top priority, and I urge Alun Michael to make representations as soon as possible.

"It is never too early to start making sure young people have the guidance they need to stay on the right track."

Speaking at the launch of the scheme, the Home Secretary said: "Intervening early in the lives of vulnerable young people can help focus their talents on positive activities and steer them away from the dangers of serious violence.

"This is why we are doubling our Early Intervention Youth Fund to £22 million. The fund will support groups at the heart of our communities who educate and interact with youths - and provide them with an alternative to crime."

The Home Secretary added: "We all need to work together to tackle this worrying issue."

Police and Crime Commissioners who work in partnership with Community Safety Partnerships - or the equivalent - can bid for funding to deliver projects which steer young people away from violent crime.

Doubling the funding will allow successful PCCs and local partners to plan their work over the two years and maximise its impact in expanding programmes, developing innovative new schemes or drawing in additional funding.

The early intervention youth fund is one of 61 commitments which are already being delivered from the UK Government's Serious Violence Strategy.

**DH**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 16)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.*

*For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.*

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12 Sun	07.57	10.4	20.18	10.6
13 Mon	08.43	10.5	20.59	10.6
14 Tues	09.27	10.4	21.48	10.3
15 Wed	10.09	10.1	22.29	10.0
16 Thur	10.53	9.7	23.12	9.6

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## Bogus carer jailed for stealing from woman in her 90s

A **BOGUS** carer who stole money from a woman in her 90s has been jailed for three years and eight months. **Abigail Hanford, 28, pleaded guilty to a number of offences – including burglary and fraud – in relation to the incident in June.**

She appeared at Newport Crown Court on August 2.

Hanford, of Ynysawdre, Bridgend, gained access to the home of her 94-year-old victim in Bridgend on June 30, and pretended she was there in the capacity of a carer.

However, she exploited the vulnerability of her victim by going through her possessions while her victim was distracted – before leaving with a quantity of cash and a bank card.

Police were then called after the real carer arrived.

Detective Sergeant Gruff Davies said: "This was a cruel, cold-hearted crime committed by a duplicitous individual who preyed on her victim in the place she should feel safest – her own home."



Abigail Hanford.

"We welcome today's guilty pleas and sentencing and hope this will provide some closure to the victim and her family after such an upsetting episode. I want to pay tribute to their incredible bravery during what must have been a terrible experience."

"I also want to reassure people locally that this was very much an isolated case, although we would continue to urge people to be vigilant as well as to keep an eye out for friends and family."

"South Wales Police will always treat these cases with the utmost priority."

South Wales Police

## WWI exhibition visits Porthcawl

AN exhibition highlighting the stories of Welsh soldiers who fought in World War One arrives in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion this Saturday (August 11).

Jeffrey Phillips of Swansea has painted all the large pictures in the exhibition, entitled *Welsh Heroes and Campaigns of World War One*.

The exhibition consists of 20 painted

black fabric panels that tell stories of great heroism and tragic loss, during the conflict.

The exhibition has been travelling extensively throughout the region and was at Maesteg Town Hall in July, and then moved to the Carmarthenshire County Museum.

The next stop for the exhibition is the Grand Pavilion from Saturday, August 11 to August 14.

For examples of Mr Phillips' work, see page 6

## Council's domestic abuse service is seeing more cases

**THE numbers of adults being referred to a domestic abuse support centre in Bridgend have almost tripled over the last year.**

Between April 2017 and March 2018 just over 1,120 adults were referred to the Assia Suite, which is based at Bridgend County Borough Council's civic centre, as well as 150 children.

This compares to 417 adults the previous year and just 11 children.

Bethan Lindsey-Gaylard, the council's domestic abuse and sexual violence co-ordinator, said the adult figures only included those who dropped into the Assia Suite via reception and excluded people who had pre-booked appointments or follow up meetings.

She said the rise in numbers was down to a range of factors including an increased confidence to report abuse, increased awareness through media campaigns, staff receiving more training around recognising and responding to issues of domestic abuse and sexual violence, strong multi-agency working, and new legislation requiring local authorities to tackle the issues.

Speaking at a recent council meeting, Ms Lindsey-Gaylard said: "The Assia Suite is very successful and I think it's based on the fact it's at the civic centre so people are coming in for housing and for all different reasons and they can come straight to us afterwards."

In addition to the accessibility of the service, she said its location in the civic offices reduced the stigma for people seeking help.

Children are referred to the centre

because they have witnessed domestic abuse or are abusive themselves to a parent.

New changes in Bridgend mean each child of a high-risk domestic abuse victim who is at risk of serious harm or homicide is referred to the children's programmes at the centre.

So far this financial year, between April and June, 83 child referrals have already been received by the Assia suite.

The numbers of high-risk adult victims are also increasing, with 366 cases heard at the county's multi-agency risk assessment meeting in 2017 compared to 346 in 2016 and 246 in 2015.

The meeting involves staff from various agencies such as the police and social services to share information on high-risk cases of domestic abuse. A risk management plan is then created.

In 2017, there were 638 children living in situations of domestic abuse linked to high risk-victims compared to 605 the year before and 381 in 2015.

Ms Lindsey-Gaylard told councillors at the meeting that the Assia Suite was providing more services with staff numbers increasing to cope with the demand.

Some of the services also cater for male victims and male perpetrators.

The Assia Suite, which opened in early 2016, brings together organisations such as South Wales Police, the Probation Service, Victim Support and Calan DVS as part of a multi-agency hub.

It is named after Assia Newton, from Pencoed, who was tragically murdered after decades of domestic abuse.

Liz Bradfield

Local democracy reporter

## Men's shed open day

**THE Squirrel's Nest is having an open day on Wednesday, August 22 from 10am to 3pm at its site in Tondur Enterprise Centre.**

All are welcome to come and see what they do and a buffet is available.

The Squirrel's Nest is a registered charity and

part of the Men's Sheds project. It was started in early 2000 with an aim to provide a place for men to 'hang out', socialise and do something practical. Men are taught to use their range of woodworking equipment and create something in wood.

Many members have experienced depression, isolation and other

mental health conditions and the Squirrel's Nest works to improve members' mental health, resulting in an improved feeling of wellbeing.

At the open day, there will be items for sale that have been made by the members. These include small items like bird-boxes, walking sticks, wooden mushrooms up to larger items, such as garden furniture and a sweet trolley suitable for weddings. There will be other activities going on throughout the day including an opportunity to chat to the members and find out more about The Squirrel's Nest.

### Family history

**THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RF) is on Monday, August 20.**

Doors open 7pm, talk to start 7.30pm. The speaker is Mr John Williams who will speak on 'The College of Arms – Heraldry, Genealogy and State Ceremony'.

## Emperor's new clothes?

**PARENTS across Wales could be entitled to £125 to help cover the cost of school uniforms, sports kit and kit for activities outside of school, such as Scouts and Guides.**

The new fund, PDG (Pupil Development Grant) Access, is targeted at pupils who are eligible for free school meals or children who are looked after and are going into reception class or year-7 in September and aged four or 11 in special schools; Special Educational Needs (SEN) Units, or Pupil Referral Units.

The fund will also cover equipment for out of school hours trips including outdoor learning, and equipment for activities within the curriculum, such as design and technology.

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams and WLGA leader Debbie Wilcox have urged

parents/carers of eligible children to speak to their council about applying for the new funding.

Kirsty Williams said: "We want all our pupils to have access to the same opportunities – whether in or outside of school – and PDG Access is about making sure that happens."

"We know that the costs of school uniform, sports kit and equipment for other activities can all add up so it's really important that parents and carers are aware of this new fund and know where to apply."

"If you think you're eligible for PDG Access then speak to your council today and you could soon receive £125 to help with these costs."

Cllr Debbie Wilcox

(Newport), WLGA spokesperson for education said: "I would encourage any parents or carers who think they're eligible for this fund to contact their local authority."

"Local authorities want to support all our pupils to benefit from the same opportunities, which is why WLGA will look forward to continuing discussions with Welsh Government to ensure that such vital funds are maintained and protected."

Earlier this year, the Welsh Government controversially scrapped the School Uniform Grant, budgeted at around £700,000 per year, which the new scheme, with some extensions, replaces.

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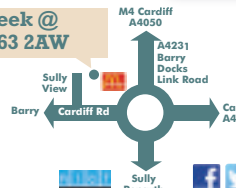
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# Porthcawl Lions Club's vintage car fayre draws the crowds to enjoy a day in the sun

THE Porthcawl Lions Club staged a successful vintage car fayre last Saturday (August 4) and a report on the event can be found on page 7.

The event began with a 'cavalcade' of around 50 cars through the town centre, wending their way to Porthcawl RFC's ground on South Road, where all the cars were on display.

All photographs by John Cosson.



There was fun for all the family.



## Summer's been a 'baahmy' and batty time for hospitals



Bertie the bat made a good recovery.



Sheep in a multi-storey car park – that's wrong on so many levels! (With acknowledgements to Tim Vine.)



ABOVE: The Porthcawl Town Mayor, Cllr Norah Clarke, presented prizes to the best exhibits.

## Support group available

THE Bridgend Community Bereavement Support group offers an opportunity to speak to others who are going through a similar situation.

This group is available immediately (there is no waiting list) and there is a counsellor who can support one to one if needed.

This is a welcoming and friendly group where everyone gathers around the table in a warm, safe and comfortable environment to support each other

at this difficult time.

To meet the requirements for attending the group, you may have lost a loved one, are struggling to cope with a bereavement, or you or a family member may be suffering with a life-threatening condition.

The group respects confidentiality and each other. The meetings are held each Friday at 6pm at the Quaker meeting house/carers centre, 87 Park Street, Bridgend CF31 4AZ. Entry is free and teas and coffee will be provided.

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HEALTH staff are used to dealing with the unexpected during a normal shift, but it's usually humans who pose the challenges, not wandering wildlife.

Herd was an added extra on two senior nurses' job descriptions when they arrived at work.

Lead anticoagulation nurse Andrea Croft became aware that she was being watched by four sheep as she parked her car in the multi-storey car park before her shift at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

With the livestock hiding behind a stairwell, Andrea was concerned for the safety of both the sheep and other staff, so she attempted to manoeuvre them into a narrow area while calling security.

The sheep, however, had other ideas and headed off across the busy car park.

At Glanrhyd Hospital just up the road, a bat was found floating in a toilet bowl.

Bertie – as he was dubbed by staff – was found by nurses in the

ladies' loos.

It is believed the male common pipistrelle got into trouble while searching for drinking water, which has become scarce in the heatwave.

Unfazed, staff on both sites took action to ensure the safety of the animals during the encounters earlier this month.

Andrea worked with critical care matron Amanda Jackson to move the sheep to a safer spot.

Andrea said: "Using the evidence-based practice and knowledge gained from the likes of 'One Man and His Dog' and Amanda waving her arms in an assertive manner, we managed to corral the four sheep before security guard Patrick arrived."

Amanda said: "Between the two of us, three large rubbish bins, a plastic railing and several porters guarding the sheep along with Patrick, we kept them in one place until a Pencoed farmer arrived to retrieve them."

"We later found out that several agencies had been looking for the woolly quartet all night,

but the sheep were just too clever for them."

At Glanrhyd, one of the staff who manages the site put gloves on before fishing Bertie out of the toilet and placing him safely inside a shoe box, which had air holes in it.

They then called licensed bat ecologist Dan Lock, who works at nearby Bryngarw Park as development manager for natural heritage with Awen Cultural Trust.

He said: "Bats normally drink from rivers, ponds and streams. There is a river nearby, but if it was desperate and sensed there was water to be had, that's probably what happened. There is no other reason for it to end up in the toilet bowl."

It's assumed that Bertie got trapped during a night time flight and was found the following day.

Dan said: "He was in generally good nick. I went to the local reptile shop and bought some meal worms for him and brought him home and

fed him up."

Dan, his wife and daughter Seren (10), returned to Glanrhyd at dusk the following day and released Bertie next to the hospital's 120-year-old lime tree, which was near to the toilets where he had been found.

"He did a few circles to get his bearings and then he was off," added Dan.

He said that Bertie was a young bat, possibly one of last year's juveniles and one of potentially more than 100 on the site, which has just become the first hospital in Wales and only the second in the UK to be awarded the Green Flag, which recognises green spaces that meet the highest standards.

Dan said Bertie and the other bats on site are crucial to the eco system.

"One bat like Bertie will eat up to 3,000 midges in one night, so they are hugely important for us in terms of pest control."



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## Newbold welcomes new associates to its team

**NEWBOLD** Solicitors is delighted to welcome Beth McAuley and Alexander Jenkins as our first intake of associates.

Both applied for promotion through our 'Pathway to Partnership' route. Members of the firm who have shown exceptional leadership skills and legal expertise, are invited to apply to be an associate.

The process is very demanding: the staff who are eligible to be our associates have to apply, and, if their applications stand out, some of the applicants will be invited to attend a gruelling three hour (individual) interview process in front of the equity partners and the accounts manager.

The process was held at the Cophorne Hotel, the partners were extremely impressed with both Beth (pictured left) and Alex (pictured right) and are very excited about working with them in the future.

They are both very talented team members, very enthusiastic and driven and will be an excellent addition to the management team here at Newbold.

Alex lives in Barry and Beth lives near our



Cwmbran office. They will both be put in charge of a branch office and ensure that the office goes from strength to strength.

Client care is paramount to the firm, as well as ensuring the teams reach their full potential and grow and develop within the firm. In two years (if they continue to progress), they will be offered a partnership within the firm.

Maurice Thompson (also pictured) said: "It has always been our aim to introduce more

partners to the firm, it is just difficult to make sure that the right people are offered a partnership. The firm believes that through its 'Pathway to Partnership' procedure, we will ensure that the firm benefits from only the very best managers.

We believe both Beth and Alex will help Catherine and I take the firm to the next level." Newbold Solicitors began in 2010. It has four offices, nearly 70 staff and have been nominated for 12 awards.

This year it was

winner in the Federation of Small Business Award, Conveyancing firm of the year and highly recommended Property Team UK. It is also a finalist in the Law Firm Services awards being held this autumn.

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Newbold Solicitors can be contacted on 0333 2564270 or the Barry line is 01446 700693, or please visit the website at newboldsolicitors.com.

## BCBC to look at 'anomalies' in school catchment areas

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is planning to undertake a school catchment review in an attempt to save more than £400,000 from the home-to-school transport budget.**

The end of year budgets show an over spend of £427,000 on home-to-school transport.

Education officers say there have been significant increases in the number of eligible primary school pupils for free transport as well as college students and children with autism spectrum disorders.

In a report which went before councillors at a recent corporate overview and scrutiny committee meeting, officers point out that planned savings to meet budgets cuts have not been as high as expected due to the need to undertake safe route assessments and "deal with legal challenges".

In 2016 one pupil's parents won a legal challenge to continue a free school bus service after arguing that their son would have to walk what they believed was an unsafe route from their home in Coychurch to Pencoed Comprehensive School.

The route was along the A473 – the main route between Coychurch and Pencoed.

Speaking at the meeting on Wednesday, July 25, the council's interim education director Lindsay Harvey said: "The safe route to school assessments are something we are pursuing as quickly as possible.

"We have one in place now for Brynteg and we are working with partner primaries around that to make sure it is established.

"We are also looking at a number of other methods where we can reduce the home to school transport costs for the local authority because the overspend last year is running at about £400,000. "One is to look at catchment areas to make sure they are appropriate."

He added: "Initially we will be looking at what is possible, being cognisant of some of the feedback we have had from parents and learners across the local authority.

"We would have to follow Welsh Government

guidance and ultimately it would be for the consideration of elected members."

Brackla ward councillor John Spanswick said catchment areas were "a definite issue" in his ward where the same streets were sometimes split into two different catchments, with some children going to Pencoed and others to Brynteg.

He said: "It's been like that for 20 to 30 years and does need resolving although it's not easy to do."

Education cabinet member Charles Smith said: "Some of the anomalies have been there for many years but there are new anomalies arising from housebuilding – due to that alone I think it's time for another look at catchment areas."

There is a statutory duty on the local authority to provide learners with free transport to the nearest suitable school if they reside beyond "walking distance" to that school.

In Bridgend the term nearest suitable school applies to the local catchment area school.

The Welsh Government has defined the statutory 'walking distance' as two miles for primary and three miles for secondary school pupils.

In September 2016 BCBC changed its policy to bring it in line with the Welsh Government's statutory distances.

Before then the council's qualifying distance for primary school pupils was one-and-a-half miles and two for secondary school pupils.

Distances are measured by the "nearest safe, available, walking route from home to school".

**Liz Bradfield**

Local democracy reporter

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## Family are desperate to find Ludo



Ludo went missing from Brocastle, Bridgend.

**A LLANTWIT Major family have appealed to people in the Vale and Bridgend to keep an eye out for their dog who went missing on Saturday morning, August 4.**

The Bull family were away on holiday in France when they got the distressing news that three-year-old Ludo had disappeared.

By early this week they were back home and able to join friends and volunteers who had been out looking him.

Chris Bull told The GEM: "Ludo went

missing from kennels in Brocastle, Bridgend on Saturday morning.

"He is a Labrador and Border Collie cross, three years old and small in stature.

"We are desperate to find our boy. He's a member of our family and we would do anything to get him back.

"We would like to thank everyone who has joined us in our search for Ludo.

"Unfortunately, he is still missing so we're asking everyone to keep their eyes peeled and report any possible sightings immediately."

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## Early Christmas presents wanted by local charity

**FOLLOWING last year's Big Give Christmas Challenge, KPC Youth & Community has signed up for more fundraising this year.**

The fundraiser helps towards covering the core costs of the project, which is celebrating its 20th year as a charity.

The first stage of the challenge is to seek 'pledge promises' from supporters and local businesses, which then form part of the charity's

matching pot for the Christmas challenge.

By pledging, online donations received by KPC are matched during the live campaign for the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

Those pledging will only need to fulfil their promise and pay the charity if KPC receives online donations during the 'live' campaign which runs in December. Search online for the 'Big Give KPC Youth' for more information.

The minimum pledge is £100, and the deadline is Friday, August 31.

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## Jack's silver medal success

**LAST week, The GEM promised more on the story of St Athan fencer Jack Cafaro, who helped Wales to a team silver in the Junior and Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championships.**

Jack (19) and fellow Welsh team members lost to an exceptional Indian team for the gold medal. On the way to the final against India, the Welsh fencers were delighted to beat England.

But Jack was lucky to even be competing. Three weeks before the competition in Newcastle, he fell

off his bike, hurt his right arm and cut his forehead. It meant he had missed a number of key training sessions.

Fortunately, he is left-handed and was able to take part in the championships with strapping on his right arm.

In the individual event, Jack came 12th out of 39 fencers – again a good result, bearing in mind he was having to cope with the injured arm.

He has now decided to take a rest from training until after Christmas so the arm can heal.

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## WWI exhibition visits Grand Pavilion



ABOVE: On page 3, The GEM has details of an exhibition opening this weekend in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, by Jeffrey Phillips. Pictured above are three examples of the 20 large paintings which will be on show for four days.

## Chamber Philharmonia of Cologne to perform

**DON'T miss this rare opportunity to experience one of Germany's finest Ensembles: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne, of Germany who will perform on Sunday, August 19 at 7.30pm in St Mary the Virgin Church in Coity.**

After several successful European and overseas tours in 2017 and 2018, the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) is coming back to the United Kingdom and Ireland with a powerful new programme.

'Classical music the world over' – this is the motto of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne. It is irrelevant for our musicians whether they are playing in a little village church, in the open air, in Cologne Cathedral or in the Sydney Opera House – their enthusiasm to play music is the same every time.

The objective is simple: we want to inspire as many people as possible across all generations to enjoy classical music. The popularity of our



ensemble is reflected in the fact that the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne gives around 300 concerts a year around the globe and listeners throughout the world look forward to a musical encounter with our exceptionally talented musicians.

We are very happy to offer a diverse program ranging from Antonio Vivaldi and his 'La Tempesta Di Mare', to WA Mozart, Rossini and Niccolò Paganini.

Tickets are available at St Mary the Virgin Church one hour prior to the concert from 6.30pm (cash sales only).

Jens Kehling  
Chamber  
Philharmonia Cologne

## Seventy bags of rubbish picked up at Ogmores beach clean-up

**SOME 101 volunteers turned up for Vale Coastal Cleanup's beach clean event at Ogmores by Sea on August 4.**

Approximately 70 bags of land and marine rubbish were collected from the beach and river bank.

A spokeswoman said: "These are fantastic figures for the clean-up. We want to say an extra special 'thank you' to The Pelican, Ogmores for laying on an amazing buffet for the volunteers."

Search online for the organisation for more information.

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# Cosmology Corner To Boldly Go...

**STAR TREK**, the television series set in the early 23rd century, followed the adventures of the Starship USS Enterprise (NCC-1701) and its crew.

With that most famous of split infinitives, William Shatner as Captain James T. Kirk voiced the introduction to each episode.

Space – the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission – to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life, and new civilizations; to boldly go where no man has gone before.

First seen in September 1966, the Star Trek TV series will soon celebrate its 52nd birthday.

In the first instalment of the follow-on Star Trek film series, Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979), a mysterious and immensely powerful

alien cloud known as 'V'Ger' approaches Earth, destroying everything in its path.

Kirk assumes command of the Enterprise, to lead it on a mission to save the planet and determine V'Ger's origins.

V'Ger is finally revealed to be Voyager 6, a 20th-century Earth space probe believed lost. The damaged probe was found by an alien race of living machines that interpreted its programming as instructions to learn all that can be learned, and return that information to its creator.

The machines upgraded the probe to fulfil its mission, and on its journey, the probe gathered so much knowledge that it achieved consciousness.

Back to the present: we haven't quite yet reached version 6 but Voyagers 1 and 2 celebrate their own 41st birthdays this coming August and September. So where are they now?

Despite their vast distance, they are still on course for that 'final

frontier' and continue to communicate with NASA on a daily basis.

They both carry a golden record of Earth sounds, pictures and messages that reflect our planet's diverse cultures. As they have a lifetime of billions of years, these round time capsules might one day be the only traces of our civilisation – unless of course they are intercepted and sent back to us!

On their long journeys, the Voyagers have set many records. In 2012 Voyager 1 became the only (Earth made) spacecraft to have entered interstellar space.

Voyager 2 is the only spacecraft to have flown by all four outer planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Between them, they discovered active volcanoes and a sub-surface ocean on two of Jupiter's moons; the most Earth-like atmosphere on Saturn's moon Titan; the icy moon Miranda at Uranus and icy geysers on Neptune's moon Triton.

Voyager 1, now some 13 billion miles from Earth is travelling through true interstellar space (where our Sun has no influence).

It has told us that cosmic rays, atomic nuclei travelling at

nearly light speed, are four times more abundant in interstellar space than in Earth's vicinity.

The heliosphere, the bubble-like volume surrounding our solar system must therefore be acting as a radiation shield for the planets.

Voyager 2, launched a month after Voyager 1, is now 11 billion miles away and is travelling in the opposite direction from its earlier sibling. It has not quite yet entered interstellar space but will soon do so.

Space is almost, but not quite empty, so the Voyagers are not at risk of collisions with large objects. Voyager 1's interstellar space environment is not a complete void, however. It's filled with clouds of diffuse material remaining from stars which exploded as supernovae millions of years ago.

It's not a danger to the craft but is a fascinating source of information that the Voyager is sending back to NASA.

Although both spacecraft have left us far behind, it will be another 40,000 years before either comes remotely close to their first encounter with another star.

NORMAN LLOYD

## Porthcawl Lions vintage fair 'a success'

IT was not just the 150-plus classic cars on display at the Porthcawl vintage fair last Saturday, there was fun for all the family.

In addition to the usual bouncy castle there were coconuts to win if your aim was good; and then it was many stalls offering a choice to those hundreds present if they wished to spend their money.

As usual, all proceeds from the event go to charities and organisations in need.

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Norah Clarke opened the fair following a drive through the town accompanied by some 50 classic cars. On the field were well over 100

vehicles, all of which were in excellent condition.

The sun shone all day, which meant that within a few hours all the ice cream had been sold. However, that did not stop those with an appetite for enjoying the Lions barbecue.

The club wish to thank Porthcawl Rugby Club for once again hosting the fair.

The following day the club was again at the rugby club for its Sunday car boot, which this week attracted over 80 selling participants. The car boot continues for another four weeks starting at 8am and goes through to 1pm. A pitch is a £6. Search online for Porthcawl Lions for more details.

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## Quiz teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Which famous Hollywood film star had the middle name DeForest?
2. Which name is shared by a dwarf planet and the ruler of the underworld in classical mythology?
3. Who did George W. Bush defeat in the 2000 US Presidential Election?

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Answers:  
1. Humphrey Bogart.  
2. Pluto.  
3. Al Gore.

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## Group offers its thanks

WE at Community Furniture Aid would like to thank Richard O'Brien for his £1,000 donation.

He has been a great supporter of our charity for some time now as we go about our work of helping people across Bridgend County Borough.

He is also very keen on the restoration work we are undertaking

of the Grade 2 listed building that we use as the storehouse for the furniture that is donated to us by members of the public.

His great-grandfather was the first minister of the church and is following our progress as we seek to preserve the rare stained glass windows that we have in our building.  
Marianne Cash

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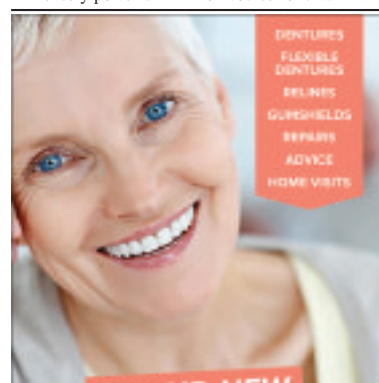
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# Vale Show dinner is a curtain raiser and also a time to celebrate charities



ABOVE: Abi reader with her Jenny Lambert painting.

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**THE** Vale Show dinner is the traditional curtain-raiser to the Vale Show, but it also has a charitable purpose.

In a giant marquee at the Vale showground, around 300 diners gathered to talk about the forthcoming show.

However, five charities each received a cheque for £1,000, the proceeds of the dinner.

The NFU Cymru county chairman, Gwyn Thomas, presented the cheques to:

- Ed Lucas of 'My MS, My Rights, My Choices' – a free and confidential support service for people with MS in Wales.

- Sue Evans of the Ed Evans Foundation, the well-known Vale charity.

- Angela Reynolds of Ysgol y Deri, the special school in Sully.

- Richard Isaac of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

- Julian Kelly, an Ambassador for Velindre Fundraising, who is organising the West Coast Bike Ride this year.

A team of farmers' wives prepared the food for the evening, and young farmers ferried guests back and forth on a fleet of golf buggies.

There was a special presentation to Abi Reader, of Goldsland farm, Wenvoe, who has just been appointed to the NFU's national dairy board.

She was presented with a painting by Jenny Lambert which, as the picture shows, had a dairy farming theme.



ABOVE: There was chauffeur service in a golf buggy!



ABOVE: the team who prepared the dinner.



County chairman Gwyn Thomas with Sue Evans.



Julian Kelly.



Richard Isaac.



Angela Reynolds.



Ed Lucas.



## 'Boy racers are a menace' says cyclist

**A BARRY man has warned fellow cyclists to 'dismount and get onto the pavement' if they hear the roar of a 'boy racer' approaching from his rear.**

Speaking to The GEM, Douglas Jones claims he was knocked off his bike on Gladstone Bridge (near Morrisons supermarket) on June 24, an incident that has been reported to the police.

Mr Jones was on his way to visit his niece on the Waterfront and had cycled down Gladstone Road, gone over the roundabout and was heading over the bridge.

There was no traffic around so he prepared to cross over to the cycle way on the other side of the road.

"I was coming to the brow of the hill and preparing to turn onto the cycle path at the pedestrian crossing.

"I then heard a car behind me accelerate.

"I immediately thought my life was in danger and tried to jump out of the way.

"A black VW Golf knocked me off

and carried on driving.

"I suffered a broken shoulder, bruising to the ribs, internal injuries and a bruised right knee."

Mr Jones reported the matter to the police as a 'hit and run' and when CCTV was checked the staff were able to spot him in the area, but not the Golf.

He said he wanted to look at the CCTV images but understands only the police can view it.

Mr Jones says he feels "...lucky to be alive", adding that boy racers have "...been a menace at the Waterfront area for years".

A police spokeswoman said: "We are investigating a collision involving a cyclist and a car, which occurred on Gladstone Bridge, Barry, on June 24 at around 7.15pm.

"A black car is reported to have been in collision with the cyclist before the driver left the scene.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any information is asked to call 101 quoting 1800230792 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

**TIM CHAPMAN**



## Two men charged after Bridgend town centre arrests

**TWO men have been charged following an incident in Bridgend town centre on Thursday afternoon (August 2), when five people were arrested.**

Greg Lemon, 39, of Blaengwynfi, has been charged with possession of a class A drug.

Craig Llewellyn, also 39, of Bridgend, has been charged with shoplifting.

Both remain in custody to appear

before the next available court. Meanwhile, a 37-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman have been released under investigation in relation to the incident.

No further action will be taken against a 37-year-old woman who was also arrested.

A South Wales Police spokesperson said: "We can also confirm that one person in their 30s received minor injuries in the incident. No children were injured, contrary to some local speculation."

## Increased chance of rock falls on local coastline?

**A LLANTWIT MAJOR resident has warned people to be "extremely careful" above and below cliffs, because there could be land falls due to heavy rain.**

Steve George, who visits the beach area regularly, said: "I recently walked from Llantwit beach to Boverton along the cliff top. I noticed many deep fissures near the edge and several yards inland, caused by the recent dry weather.

"Heavy rain will penetrate these cracks and may cause large chunks of land to fall.

"A very recent fall has taken place on the east side of Llantwit beach following heavy showers.

"I urge everyone to take extreme caution both above, and below, the cliffs."

Mike Clogg, Vale Council operational manager for engineering, advised people to be cautious and take a note of warning signs.

"Due to the local geology, rock falls and



*A rock fall near Llantwit Major. Photo by Sally Owens.*

overhangs are common along this area of the Vale coast.

"Walkers and beach users are always advised to stay away from the edge of coastal paths and the base of cliffs for this reason. There are signs at various points along the Wales Coast Path warning people of the dangers and fencing has been erected for walkers' protection.

"The chance of rock falls has increased following the recent

heavy rain, but there are no specific areas which are considered to warrant additional intervention measures at this time."

Mr Clogg added: "The RNLI has deployed a mobile warning sign at the most recent rock fall; however, maintaining similar permanent signage at the base of eroding cliffs would be challenging and likely impracticable."

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## Bridgend RDA celebrates a summer of equestrian success

**BRIDGEND County Riding for Disabled (BRDA) has become charity of the year at the Sainsbury supermarket in the town, soon after its riders enjoyed success at the recent RDA National Championships.**

The RDA annual National Championships – held at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire – is a flagship event and claims to be the largest event of its kind in the world.

Following qualification at regional level, more than 400 riders from some 55 groups from across the UK attended to compete in various equine-based disciplines.

Bridgend's riders were successful in dressage with Carys Goldsworthy winning the junior section of PVI (partial visual impairment) walk/trot dressage, Jady Evans winning the senior led walk/trot dressage, Rhian Hurley placing second in the PVI walk/trot senior class.

Carys Goldsworthy also won her section in the walk/trot freestyle dressage to music.

Success didn't stop there with Carys Goldsworthy also winning the level 2 showjumping junior section and becoming overall class champion.

Celebrations continued as Peter Arcari came second in the visually impaired Countryside challenge. Iwan Johns completed the junior countryside challenge led by Nia, and Aisha Khan completed the senior countryside challenge led by Hannah.

Group instructor Emma Jelfs was thrilled.

She said: "Wow what an amazing weekend at the RDA National Championships, well done to the whole team!"

Bridgend County Riding for Disabled group is run by volunteers and based at Bridgend College equine centre in Pencoed. It provides riding lessons during the week and on a Saturday mornings for children and adults. Search online and on Facebook for Bridgend County RDA.

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*Riders from Bridgend County RDA were at the recent RDA National Championships in Gloucestershire.*

## Village gets its own cider apple variety

**AN old cider apple tree growing in Piccadilly, Llanblethian has been found to be a completely unique variety.**

The Welsh Perry and Cider Society with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund are running a two year project to identify and propagate all the unique Welsh apple and pear varieties for future generations as well as record the tradition of cider making in Wales.

A local cider maker – Llanblethian Orchards – has had a sprawling old apple tree growing in their orchard at the foot of Mount Ida, Llanblethian genetically tested by the Welsh Perry and Cider Society.

It has been shown to be completely unique. The variety is now being grafted up by the society for posterity and will be entered into a national fruit database under the name 'Piccadilly'.

Alex Simmens, owner of Llanblethian Orchards, said: "This is terrific news. We use Piccadilly in our award-winning May Day sweet cider and have always considered it one of the 'secret weapons' in our cider blends. To think it's a completely unique variety is incredible."

He added: "As Cowbridge and Llanblethian have grown a number of orchards have been lost over the years, often remembered in the house names that replaced them. Older residents also remark about an orchard that used to exist where the Verlands housing estate

was. Perhaps this tree is a link to that earlier era, I wonder what their cider used to taste like!"

Llanblethian Orchards is just outside of Llanblethian in an old stone barn between Llanblethian and Llyswoerney. Their ciders are available in pubs and festivals around Cardiff and south Wales.

They also host monthly open days at

the barn where you can sample their ciders and perries, learn about how they are made and enjoy pizzas from their traditional brick wood-fired pizza oven.

The next open day is Saturday, August 18 from 12pm-8pm at The Cider Barn, Crossways, Cowbridge (CF71 7LJ). Full details are available on their Facebook account and website [llancider.wales](http://llancider.wales).

## War centenary to be marked by local group

**BELL ringing is a part of our Christian heritage and a new campaign has been launched to recruit as many new bell ringers as lost their lives in the First World War – 1,400.**

One new bell ringer at St Iltyd's Church, Llantwit Major is Rachel Pearce (37) who explained: "My mum was a bell ringer and

asked me to have a go.

"I started learning in September last year. It is harder than you might think it would be. You are taught in stages.

"I started being able to operate independently a couple of months ago which is considered quick progress."

In total there are five new bell ringers in Llantwit Major – thanks to the national campaign 'Ringing Remembers' and details Rachel put up on Facebook about the recruitment campaign.

The learners will join more experienced ringers across the country to ring on November 11, 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Rachel added: "I think that nationwide 1,300 people have now registered. One of the 'Archers' (on Radio 4) has registered too!"

The official Ringing Remembers website is: [www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/](http://www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/). If anyone is interested in learning to ring and becoming a part of the historic centenary moment in Llantwit Major they can contact David Bounds on [lbmbeneficebells@gmail.com](mailto:lbmbeneficebells@gmail.com).

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## Life for a young carer during the school holidays

**THE school holidays... long, hot sunny days in the garden, out with your chums at the park, or maybe at the beach.**

Perhaps even a trip to a theme park, or a holiday abroad, and the perennial parental cry of "What shall we do today?"

Little of this, however, applies for Oliver Davies, aged 12, from Bridgend

Much of his summer holiday will be spent caring for his nine-year-old brother, Leo, who has pathological demand avoidance (PDA).

Oliver and his mother Hayley are Leo's carers during the summer.

Oliver said: "Leo has PDA so we need to be with him all the time. My mum and I have to be really careful due to Leo's need to escape a situation when he's anxious or the danger of him harming himself or others."

"I've learnt how to keep an eye on him and can spot dangers quickly in the house or when we're out."

"I love my brother, and it feels very normal to look after him and help my mum whenever I can, but I can feel very isolated in the summer holidays."

"We're not able to have a holiday and even going out is very difficult. The young carer activities with Action for Children during the summer are often the only break I get."

Action for Children works in

partnership with local authorities, charities and health services to support disadvantaged youngsters across the UK.

Research by Action for Children and Carers Trust suggests that nearly two thirds (62 per cent) of young Welsh carers "...feel lonely during the summer holidays".

Some 35 per cent of respondents, all under 18, to the survey said that they spend more than four hours a day during the summer with their relative requiring care.

Nearly a quarter (23 per cent) reported they have never been on a summer holiday with their family.

Brigitte Gater, national director for the organisation in Wales, said: "The summer holidays can be heart-breaking for young carers who are often isolated at home, while their friends are having fun in the sunshine, playing sports or enjoying family holidays."

"We see first-hand the awful impact of loneliness and stress on young carers, who dedicate their lives to helping their loved ones."

"These children are often desperate for a break from their caring responsibilities and to have a bit of fun in their holidays with friends; that's why young carer respite services are such a lifeline for them."

## 'Big shoes to fill' says new NFU branch secretary

**NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual have appointed Simon Evans as the new group secretary at their Llantrisant branch office.**

Mr Evans will take over from Karen Yates, who retires at the end of August after 37 years' service.

Mr Evans has a wealth of agricultural experience and has a strong farming background, having grown up in Nelson, and holding a number of roles within the NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual network. He is also a past chairman of Wales YFC.

For the past 12 years, Mr Evans has worked in various sales roles for NFU Mutual.

He said: "Living in Glamorgan, I already know many of the local farmers and look forward to building stronger relationships with them moving forward. "We are facing challenging times ahead with Brexit, but we



Simon Evans.

mustn't forget the day-to-day problems that rear their heads as well.

"I am looking forward to getting out and about in the community and helping NFU Cymru members in any way I can. I have big shoes to fill and hope I can continue Karen's legacy."

## Elsie Scully-Hicks: 'Chances missed' to save murdered toddler

**A REPORT has concluded that an 18-month-old baby girl need not have died had paediatric professionals examined her when she was first taken to hospital.**

Last week, the Cardiff and The Vale Regional Safeguarding Board (CVRSCB) published an extended Child Practice review into the circumstances around the death of Elsie Scully-Hicks.

Matthew Scully-Hicks, originally from Delabole, Cornwall, but who was living in Llandaff, Cardiff at the time, was jailed for life and ordered to serve a minimum of 18 years after being convicted of murder following a trial at Cardiff Crown Court last year.

The report says that all seemed well for the first year. It said: "The child (Elsie) particularly enjoyed musical toys and singing, as well as cuddles, and was showing an interest in other children. The child was observed to be happy and relaxed with known adults."

However, in November 2015, she was taken to her GP, who referred her to a Trauma and Orthopaedic Consultant.

The report says that the explanation given by the parent for the child's injury was accepted by the Registrar at the Trauma and Orthopaedic clinic as a typical fracture resulting from an accidental injury.

The x-ray identified two fractures to the child's leg. The fracture to the lower leg was identified by the Registrar but the second fracture to the distal femur (top leg bone) was missed.

The report goes on to say that the child was not seen in A and E and was

therefore not seen by the Paediatric Team. One of the child's parents informed the adoption social worker of the child's injuries via telephone, and this information was then shared with the Children's Services social worker.

The report continues: "If the original examination of the x-ray had identified both fractures, safeguarding concerns would undoubtedly have been raised and child protection procedures instigated. This was the opportunity where agencies could have reasonably and tangibly intervened."

Following the child's death, a review of the X-ray was undertaken by an expert Consultant Paediatric Radiologist. This review indicated that it would be highly unusual for two separate bones to be broken from one minor fall.

The Consultant Paediatric Radiologist's report presented to the criminal proceedings indicated that the explanation provided by the primary parent (Matthew Scully-Hicks) of a minor fall would not result in two separate fractures.

The report added that The Registrar viewing the x-ray could not have been expected to identify the second fracture as they were not sufficiently experienced or trained.

The report concluded there was nothing throughout the adoption assessment process that could have predicted that one of the child's parents was to injure and eventually kill the child.

It was six months later, in May 2016, that Elsie suffered fatal injuries.

Lance Carver, the Vale Council director of Social Services, said: "The Vale Council

welcomes the independent Child Practice Review launched after the tragic death of Elsie and is committed to learning lessons from its findings.

"The review found that the care planning and adoption assessment processes were followed correctly and were robust. As director of Social Services, I acknowledge unreservedly that there must always be a thorough examination to learn lessons from such a tragic event and I fully accept the recommendations from the review."

"I do not underestimate the impact on those most closely affected and we have thoroughly considered our own processes whilst the independent review was taking place. As a result of this, a number of actions have already been implemented to strengthen the monitoring arrangements once a child has been placed for adoption."

"These changes include additional professional oversight over and above normal supervision methods, an enhanced visiting schedule, and ensuring the robust recording and sharing of information. "The death of a child within an adoptive placement is incredibly rare, but made no less shocking or distressing by its infrequency."

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy to members of Elsie's birth and adoptive families. Implementing the recommendations of the independent review is a priority for the council and one we take incredibly seriously."

## Murray's in a hurry to find a new home

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Murray is looking for a new home.

the car and would love to go exploring new places. He can live with children 11 years old and above.

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Search online for Dogs Trust Bridgend.

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## What's all this then? Police gifts revealed

**TICKETS to watch Wales play rugby and a reception with the Japanese ambassador were among the gifts and hospitality offered to South Wales Police officers and staff last year.**

Police forces publish a register of gifts and hospitality offered by members of the public each year and whether they were accepted or declined.

There was also an invite to the opera and a traditional Yemeni meal, and one officer was invited to the Tower of London as a result of work undertaken with the FBI.

Others received Domino's pizza, a McDonald's meal, and chiropody treatments from people who were grateful for their service.

Other items offered included flowers,

chocolates, wine, whiskey, port, pasties, books, ties, CDs, teddy bears - and cupcakes.

There were also invitations to various conferences and charity events and offers of gift vouchers and a Queensland police hat.

A South Wales Police spokesperson said: "The generosity shown by the members of the community in south Wales often reflects an appreciation for the dedication of our officers and staff."

"Impartiality, integrity, transparency and honesty are core values of our organisation, and maintaining a gifts and hospitality register helps to ensure those values are applied."

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Anthony Lewis, local democracy reporter



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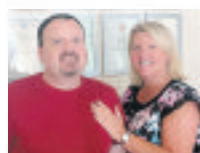
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## Bright and early at the Vale Show



*GEM photographer Glyn Evans was there at the Vale Show as the crowds started to pour in. A weather forecast of light showers did not seem to be prompting anyone to stay away, and the cake judges (above) were getting ready to assess the many and varied entries. Sharp-eyed readers may note that cake judging has some way to go before it hits gender equality targets!*



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ABOVE and RIGHT:

*Some of the amazing giant vegetables on show.*

## A tribute to the runners and organisers of Barry's events

**I** WISH to thank and recognise the fantastic work of all those involved with the organisation and planning of the first Barry Island 10k.

The work and commitment of the Vale Council, volunteers, Run4Wales, sponsors and runners was exceptional and all deserve recognition.

It was incredible to see so many people turn up to take part and to see Barry Island at its best on a beautifully sunny Sunday.

At the race, I spoke to many people who had come from far and wide to participate in the competitive race; some had travelled across the Severn Bridge and others from west Wales and beyond. The event attracted thousands of people and was a clear demonstration of great ambitions for the town.

Many first time visitors told me they planned to return socially. Others who hadn't visited Barry for many years were struck by the transformation of the town.

I pay tribute to all the local running

clubs who participated and supported the event: Llantwit's Major Milers, Barry's Seriously Mad Runners, Penarth and Dinas Runners and Rhosce Runners; it is a privilege to run with them.

For anyone who has even the smallest interest in running, the local clubs cater for all abilities. Many have used the 'Couch to 5K' initiative – demonstrated by our own Derek Brockway, who also completed the course on Sunday.

In addition, we need to recognise the volunteers who organise Barry's weekly Park Run. It is the best in Wales. Hundreds of runners turn up to Barry Island at 9am on Saturday morning to complete 5K along the most magical coastline.

Come and join us and show that the inaugural Barry Island 10K has a lasting legacy and will continue to attract thousands of people to Barry.

Finally, there are two further local 10Ks coming up – Llantwit Major on August 25 and Cowbridge 10K on September 30. Along with the Park Run, all are organised by volunteers.

Come and join us!

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale.



## Mischief at the library

THE Friends of Penarth Library will hold a cake sale between 10am and 1pm during the Mischief Makers' Fun Day, which will be held in the library on Saturday, August 11.

## 'More help needed on child care' says campaigner

**MOTHERS** have to face "two years of poverty" and give up careers as they are not given financial help with care until their children are three years old, a campaigner has said.

Councils across Wales will over the coming months implement Welsh Government's offer of 30 hours free child care per week for eligible working parents of three and four-year-olds.

But Sarah Rees, a mother-of-two from Penarth, says parents need financial help with child care as soon as maternity and paternity pay ends so many mothers can go back to work.

Mrs Rees says she can't afford to work while child care is £50 per day on average per child, which meant she had to give up her business – which helped 500 women into work – and rely on her husband's wages to look after daughter Caitlin, four, and son Danny, one.

She said her family had spent thousands of pounds on childcare; her children can be in care for one day a week, and that many other mothers are in a similar position.

The Welsh Government says its free childcare offer will complement existing schemes to help women back into work.

Mrs Rees said: "I don't get any financial help because my husband earns a good salary. I don't get child benefits; I live on my husband's salary. It has been such a pressure on our marriage.

"I have no financial independence, no job, no purpose other than raising children. I feel I have to cut off my brain until I'm able to afford to work.

"I feel like I've taken a Tardis back to 1950. We're celebrating 100 years of women getting the vote yet the lot of the mother is to sit at home to wait for children to get to school so she can go back to school. I don't think it's good enough."

The free childcare offer is already available across the entirety of five local authorities in Wales.

In other areas, the free childcare will only be offered in certain wards based

on the percentage of children living in families claiming an in-work tax credit.

From September, it will be available in the Cardiff areas of Grangetown, Butetown, Riverside, Adamsdown, Cathays, Plasnewydd, Caerau, Splott, Ely and Llanrumney.

In the Vale, the offer will be available from September 2019 in Peterston Super Ely, Llandow/Ewenny, St Brides Major, Cowbridge, Cornerswell, Llandough, Gibbonsdown and Buttrills in Barry.

Mrs Rees has called for an end to the 'postcode lottery' on the way the free childcare scheme is being introduced.

She said: "I want them to change the age they are offering it at. The whole point is to support mums back into work and end some of the barriers to employment so they can have more income. It's an anti-poverty strategy.

"If we have to leave our jobs when our maternity pay comes to an end we are in poverty for two years. It's only helping people who are already in work and manage to pay for childcare for two years."

The Welsh Government wants the scheme to be available to all parents across Wales by 2020.

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We have a number of programmes aimed at supporting parents with the cost of childcare. This includes the ESF-funded PaCE (Parents, Employment and Childcare) project which is aimed at improving employment prospects for parents where childcare is their main barrier to accessing training or job opportunities.

"Our Flying Start programme also provides free childcare for children in some of our most deprived communities.

"When rolled out across Wales by 2020, our childcare offer will complement these existing schemes by helping more parents into or return to work. It aims to remove an acknowledged barrier to employment and free up money that they can use to improve their family's circumstances."

Matt Discombe,  
local democracy reporter

## 'Flytippers could endanger lives'

Cllr Andy Robertson stares in disbelief at the recent fly-tipping in Dinas Powys' Beauville Woods.



FLY-TIPPERS around Dinas Powys have moved up a notch from "uncaring, cheap-skate little louts to dangerous, potential homicidal maniacs", Conservative Vale councillor Andy Robertson claimed this week.

He said: "If people think I'm exaggerating, go and take a look at the first lay-by in Beauville Woods.

"The ashes from a pretty substantial fire are still there. Had the fire services not attended, the whole wood could have caught alight.

"A nearby tree was scorched up to 20ft in the air with everything around it brittle dry due to the recent hot spell."

Cllr Robertson, a farmer himself on the other side of the village, said he could not believe that, far from

heeding the warning, another fly-tipper had already dumped even more rubbish within a few feet of the burnt-out fire.

He said: "If it wasn't so serious, it would be laughable. It's as though they'd brought another load for their next burn-up!"

He said he would be alerting Vale Council officers to the problem.

"We certainly don't want to penalise innocent people enjoying the countryside, but I would suggest we are all that much more vigilant and report any incidents immediately, particularly if we recognise any of the dumped material.

"Perhaps we should look at seriously increasing the penalties when people are caught, but we need the public's help in catching the perpetrators."



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## Former police officer jailed for child rape

**FOLLOWING an investigation by South Wales Police, two men have been sentenced to a total of 32 years for a series of disturbing child abuse offences.**

John Ryan-Guess, a lawyer for the Welsh Government at the time of his arrest, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, and Dean Roberts, a former police officer, to 12 years' imprisonment. The men appeared at Cardiff Crown Court on August 6.

In April this year the South Wales Police Paedophile Online Investigation Team (POLIT) launched an investigation into the activities of John Ryan-Guess after intelligence was received concerning predatory activity by an adult male in an online chat room.

A warrant was issued and Ryan-Guess was subsequently arrested. Upon further investigation, evidence was also uncovered concerning the behaviour of Dean Roberts. He too was arrested.

Both men were



**Dean Roberts was jailed for 12 years.**

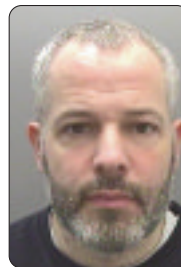
charged with multiple offences of sexual activity with children.

Roberts was formally dismissed from South Wales Police following a Special Case Hearing held by the Chief Constable on June 14 having previously resigned from the force on May 29. He was based at the force's Bridgend HQ.

The investigation has led to further arrests across England as well as overseas.

Such was the strength of evidence that both Ryan-Guess and Roberts entered guilty pleas.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Dean Roberts, 48, was sentenced to 12 years after admitting one count of



**John Ryan-Guess was handed a sentence of 20 years.**

rape and five indecent assaults.

John Ryan-Guess was sentenced to 20 years for 37 charges, including sexual assault and making indecent images. Ryan-Guess, 43, also admitted aiding and abetting Roberts to commit sexual assault.

Speaking on August 6, Detective Superintendent Wendy Gunney said: "Today's sentences reflect the gravity of the crimes that have been committed. The two people responsible for the appalling abuse of a number of very young children have now been brought to justice."

"The investigation uncovered extremely

disturbing child abuse evidence and the guilty pleas have ensured that the jury were spared from viewing evidence that would have been extremely traumatic.

"The safeguarding of children has been an absolute priority for the investigation team."

"Today's sentence does not mark the end of our investigations and we will work tirelessly to identify any other victims or witnesses and seek the justice they deserve."

"There are also investigations being conducted by other police forces in the UK and around the world."

"Above all this investigation has been focused on the protection of children and my thoughts today remain with those victims."

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## PACT meetings

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CAERAU PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, August 13 at 6pm.

Newton PACT public meeting will be held at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, August 14 at 6.30pm.

Nantymoel/Ogmore vale PACT at Dinam Close on Wednesday, August 15 at 6.30pm.

Cefn Glas, Llangewydd and Brynhyfrydd PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, August 20 at 7pm.

Newcastle PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, August 20 at 7pm.

Llangenor PACT at the Richard Price Centre, Llangenor on Wednesday, August 29 at 5.30pm.

Why not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.

## Saint at St Lawrence

THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock invites you warmly to a service remembering its patron saint on Sunday, August

12 at 3pm.

There will be hymns to sing, scripture readings and poetry, and a few words from Rev Margaret Stark about what it means to be a Saint. Hot and cold drinks will be served after the service. Free parking is available to the left of Fort Road just before the church. For further information, call 02920 701303.

## St Tathan fun day

APPEAL for a Peal St Tathan Church in the heart of St Athan village is holding a fun day in aid of their tower and Bell Restoration Project on August 11.

Some of the bells in the tower date from the 18th century and haven't been rung for two years due to the rusting of the main frame. The tower has a number of cracks in it, so that has to be strengthened.

The fun day includes a free showing of *Happy Feet* (10.30am), *The Greatest Showman* (12.30pm) and *Ice Age 2* (2.30pm) on the Big Screen in church; a competition for the most imaginative 'flower pot person'; bric-a-brac, cake, second hand clothes stalls and all the fun of the fair on the church path from 10.30am till 4pm.

## VS anniversary

THE Royal Voluntary Service celebrates its 80th anniversary and is having a party for the

volunteers who have contributed over the past 80 years.

Free of charge for volunteers and the public, it will include light refreshments and a chance to win a prize raffle hamper.

It takes place on Saturday, August 18 from 2pm-4pm at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry.

## Looking for work and need some support?

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## 'Ale be back' - charity beer festival returns

**AN ale festival will take place in Wenvoe on Saturday, September 1 to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.**

It is the third time the Walston Castle Beefeater has hosted the event and more than £1,800 has been raised. Ben Murphy of the pub said: "The event has gone from strength to strength."

"I am always very touched to see the level

of community spirit that this event ignites in Wenvoe and I'm really looking forward to hosting this year's event, which is sponsored by Tanners Isuzu in Penarth.

"People in the community are freely giving up their time to ensure the event is another successful one. There's live music, traditional pub games and lots of activities for children."

Tickets are available at the Walston Castle at £6 each. Pints of ale on the day will be £2.

## ADVERTORIAL

## Ain't nothing but a hound day!

**FOR the remainder of 2018, we have three more "Ain't Nothing But A Hound Day" family fun days and fun dog shows to look forward to.**

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It is published by yLolfa at £9.99 and Jeff Davies, a lecturer at Cardiff Metropolitan

University says of the book that it "...captures a time gone by".

The novel was inspired by Smith's time living and working in the village of Rhigos, near Aberdare, where he grew up.

He said: "I found some of the local characters so amusing that I felt some of their most outrageous antics should be recorded for posterity. Most of the tales are fictitious, while a few are very loosely based on actual events."

The novel is set in Rhyd-y-groes and one of the main members of the pub fraternity is inspired by a real local person.

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For those who are disabled or struggle to bend, maintaining planted beds can be incredibly difficult. Raised beds not only add interest and elegance, but are ideal for creating practical areas that can be easily looked after.

From natural sandstone to reclaimed wooden sleepers, there

are numerous ways to enhance and tailor borders so you can admire and enjoy them all year round.

**It's all in the planning**  
If you're planning on a complete overhaul, first think about where you want to position your borders.

Take into consideration the amount of sun and shade available throughout the day, as this will impact plant growth. If you will be tending to borders in a seated position, then ideally they should be no more than 70cms high and 50cms deep.

There's a huge choice of materials available for creating border walls including bricks, reclaimed stone, concrete slabs, timber posts and railway sleepers. Once you've worked out which one you want, mark out your chosen area using posts and string. A line



of spray paint along the line is a good way to guide you when creating the border edge.

**Get going with the groundwork**  
ONCE the border is prepped, you can start digging out the ground in your bedding area, and clearing clumps

## Raised garden border

and stones.

If you are using concrete slabs, stones or bricks to build a raised bed, dig a foundation trench along your border line up to 15cms deep - this will help to add strength and stability. If you are creating a non-timber wall, the foundation should sit on concrete (except where there are vertical posts being installed).

Wooden walls won't require a concrete foundation; however, you'll need to place stakes at regular intervals making sure that 50 per cent of their length is buried below the ground. Bear this in mind when cutting your material to the length and height required. Pressure-treated timber is the most durable and will ensure your wooden wall stays looking smart for years to come.

**Build your borders**  
If you're working with horizontal timber boards, first fix stakes in each corner and then at 100cm gaps to support the panels.

Place your first panel into position against the stakes - one third should sit below the ground. Use non-corrosive nails to fix the timber to the posts and check with a spirit level along the entire length to ensure it's not

sloping. Panels can then be butted against each other to build up the height.

Railway sleepers should be fixed to stakes with long bolts. They will also require interlocking dowels to keep them seamlessly sitting on top of each other.

## Add a layer of hardcore

ONCE the sides have been constructed, it is advisable to line the inside with a polythene sheet to protect the material from the damp soil.

Once this has been done, place a layer of stones or hardcore inside the raised bed, up to 8cms in depth. This will aid drainage and help plants to flourish. Cover with a permeable membrane and replace any topsoil that was previously removed, adding fertiliser and compost to improve soil quality.

## Prepare to plant

ONCE your raised bed has been created, leave the soil to settle and enrich for up to two weeks before planting.

The soil in your beds will lose moisture more quickly, which means the ground will dry out if you forget to water it. Start by planting hardy annuals at first and take time to monitor the soil condition so you can select the right foliage.

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Friends and family members attended in big numbers dressed in their traditional finery. The weather, and our Sun God, were smiling on us all day.

Honoured and proud to have Leighton Rowlands the youngest Mayor in the history of Vale of Glamorgan council.

Town Mayor Janice Charles who loves to meet and chat with all of us was warm and lovely. Janice and her family stayed with us all through and she enjoyed the south Indian food.

Cllr Michaela Richardson was a star walking and mixing, talking and eating with us. Love you all and thanks for coming.

A big thanks to Rita Limbrink, Cadoxton Youth Project, the lovely, young, energetic Air Cadets, GVS volunteers were all ever ready and smiling to help us.

This is a very special event aimed to encourage members to network in order to develop strong relationships, to inspire our absolute best to our members to forge strong communities with a bright future.

Our young members were charming with so many dancing steps to remember their lovely/colourful dance. Annaya was very good at playing her guitar.

Pannarselvam, his team and Sharmila and all our friends get a big thanks for their delicious food. Mathan and all the boys had to spend a lot of their time assembling the chariot.

We hope Lord Murga blesses us with a home where our chariot can rest when not in use.

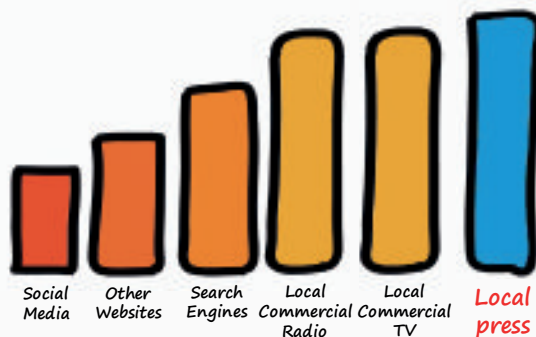
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## Ant-Man and The Wasp is yet another success for Marvel...

IT'S been quite a year for Marvel Studios – having smashed box office records with *Black Panther*, then smashed more records with *Avengers: Infinity War*, the studio hasn't paused for breath with their final offering for the year, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* now in cinemas.

The sequel to the joyously fun *Ant-Man*, here we find Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) under house arrest after his part in the events of *Captain America: Civil War*. But when Scott has visions of Janet Van Dyne (Michelle Pfeiffer), who was lost inside the quantum realm nearly 30 years ago, he covertly contacts her daughter Hope Van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly) and her father Hank Pym, both of whom are angry at Scott for his role in the aforementioned events in Germany.

The three of them must try to get to Janet before time runs out, a situation complicated by the mysterious Ghost (Hannah John Kamen) and shady businessman Sonny Burch (Walton Goggins), who each have their own designs on Hank's technology...

You may think there's something of 'after the Lord Mayor's parade' about *Ant-Man and The Wasp*, coming on the heels of the cultural phenomenon of *Black Panther* and the box-

office slaying, emotionally-wrought *Avengers: Infinity War*. After all, how will the continued adventures of Scott Lang et al compete with such largesse?

The answer is it simply doesn't, and it's all the better for it, for this is a film that exists largely in its own vacuum, a thrillingly enjoyable slice of satisfying cinematic fun that acts as something of a palate cleanser to the last two Marvel entries.

Given the fraught pre-production of the first film (original director Edgar Wright leaving just before start of filming), it had no right to be as enjoyable as it was, this thanks largely to both the performances and the direction of Peyton Reed, who filled the shoes of Wright more than admirably.

Here Reed, emboldened by the first film, offers up something that is tonally similar yet makes great leaps in terms of the larger narrative and universe. His roots in comedy means that the film never lacks for laughs, but it's all underpinned by a narrative that employs the 'race against time' concept which means it rarely slows its pace, and also has some wonderful action sequences.

The balance between humour and scale is controlled exceptionally well, the action played straight yet with room for laughs, while the shrinking (and enlarging) technology of the characters means that there is plenty of high-drama and comedy to be



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mined.

There's just a general sense of confidence on show, with Paul Rudd as effervescent and funny as ever as the unlikely hero, but stepping back to allow Evangeline Lilly and Michael Douglas to carry the film's more weightier narrative elements. Their desire to bring back Janet is the driving factor here, and both Lilly (superb in both the quieter moments and the physical ones) and Douglas deliver strong turns.

The returning Michael Pena as the story-spinning Luis is a riot (never let the man near a truth serum), while, on the villain front, neither Hannah John-Kamen's Ghost nor Walton Goggins' Burch are big-name bad guys, played here as anti-heroes of a sort, but their motivations and the performances sit perfectly within the framework of the story.

Given its constant pace, there are some plot points that could have been explored a bit more deeply, that feel slightly rushed in the grander scheme of the story, but the film does a great job of carrying as much exposition as it can as the story continues moving forward.

Most impressively is the way that the film plots its own course without relying too heavily on events elsewhere in the Marvel universe. Much like the *Guardians of the Galaxy* films thrived on being separated from the main pack, given the upheaval of *Infinity War* this stands on its own two feet, not needed to carry any heavy-lifting from elsewhere, and that freedom really allows the film to soar.

It may have been the least-hyped Marvel film of the year, but it stands to-toe with the studio's other efforts in 2018 – a wondrously entertaining piece of work, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* is yet another Marvel success.

**VERDICT** – Building on the goodwill of the first film, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* exudes confidence and boldness throughout. The performances across the board are wonderful. Peyton Reed's direction breezes by with an assured feel, and the film entertains with aplomb – a really superb slice of Marvel.

Highly recommended.  
**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Ant-Man* (2015), *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2* (2017).



# Spectators and players flock to first-ever Pencoed RFC sevens rugby tournament



All photos by Julie Hancock - [juliehancock.org](http://juliehancock.org).



**THERE** were plenty of players and supporters on hand as Pencoed RFC held its first-ever sevens tournament at the club last weekend, and JULIE HANCOCK was on hand to capture the action.

Teams were made up of different ages and sections of the club, and competition was fierce but fun in the heat of the afternoon.

There was more than just rugby on offer, however, as there was also a family fun day, which included bouncy castles, a barbecue and music.

The senior overs team lifted the overall trophy, and will be eager to defend it at next year's tournament!



## New home for Bridgend Warriors



Members of the Bridgend Warriors at the club's new location.

**BRIDGEND Warriors kickboxing club celebrated new beginnings by relocating to the YMCA site on Angel Street.**

With help from Cllr David White and the Community Action Fund, Bridgend Warriors were able to fund a clean up, paint and purchase some new hand pads and kick shields.

Bridgend Warriors has been based in Bridgend centre for 20

years and is run by Jeff Copp, who is also head of the Welsh Kickboxing Union

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### ROBERTS

**Cyril Charles (Nippy)**

1940 - 2018

Peacefully passed away on 1st August at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, after a short illness. Cyril will be sadly missed by his much loved wife Caroline, sisters Sheila and Margaret, children and step children, grandchildren and extended family.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 15th August at 11am.

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### STOCKWELL

**James Andrew**

Formerly of Ham Mews, Llantwit Major, aged 50 years. Peacefully on 25th June at home in Sydney, Australia following a battle with cancer, fought with great courage and humour.

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The funeral took place on 4th July in Sydney. A memorial service to celebrate James' life will be held on Saturday, 25th August at the Park Plaza Hotel, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff at 1.30pm for 2pm. Smart casual - no funeral attire. No flowers please; donations in James' name can be made to Cancer Research via the JustGiving webpage.

### BEYNON

**Mary Margaret (May)**

(99 years)

Peacefully on 5th August, May, loving wife of the late Donald, much loved step mum of Elizabeth and husband Alan. Grandmother of Emma and Christopher.

May will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St James' Church, Wick on Tuesday, 14th August at 12 noon, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to J.R. & M.F. David, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major.

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### BROCK

**Catherine**

Peacefully at home on Sunday, 29th July, aged 81, following a long illness.

Catherine will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral service will be held at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 14th August, 2018 at 10am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Crematorium, Barry for 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, would be appreciated for Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & The Vale via a retiring collection at the church/crematorium.

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### DIXON

**Barry Robert**

Sadly, on 25th July we lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother in Barry Robert Dixon.

We ask that all who knew him join us to celebrate his life with a service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 13th August at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, we ask instead that a small donation be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

### ALLEN

**David**

We wish to announce the sad passing of David, well known of Barry, on 6th July, beloved husband to Jean and a loving father who will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service.

Details to be confirmed in due course.

## Acknowledgements

### FRAYLING

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# Vale Homework Support Club holds its awards presentation ceremony

**THE Vale Homework Support Club in Rhose has supported children and adults with education for the past six years, and has recently celebrated its sixth anniversary, as well as the annual awards ceremony, supported by Tarmac Aberthaw.**

Volunteer Natasha Lynch (17), won the special achievement award after setting up the Welsh club, achieving Level 2 Youth Worker, play worker and Welsh LSA. Nathan Faire won child of the year after the effort he put in, week after

week.

The club has been given a Vale of Glamorgan stronger communities grant to open in St Athan and Llantwit Major.

Play schemes are taking place in both areas over the summer holiday with academic clubs in English, maths, Welsh and a 10-week science course due to commence in September.

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# Looking back through the past with Brian Lee

**THE GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene for the national and local press for more than half-a-century, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings books.**

My press cuttings scrapbook for 1989 reveal that Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn notched up his 200th winner, and Llancarfan farmer's son Evan Williams his first win between-the-flags.

Under the heading 'A First For Evan' my report in a Sunday newspaper read: "Evan Williams of Llancarfan, notched up his first winner in only his second ride in the first division of the restricted open at the Llangibby point-to-point steeplechases on his father's 10-year-old Cuckoo Mill."

Cuckoo Mill, a 6-1 chance, won by 12 lengths from Matt Mulcahy in a field of 11 runners.

John Llewellyn, as it happened, took the second division on *Remember Dewi*, the horse which gave him his 200th win and under the heading 'History Man Llewellyn' this is what I had to say: "Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn made Welsh point-to-point history at the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases when notching up his 200th winner on Keith Huntley's *Remember Dewi* (maiden division 1).

"Llewellyn, aged 42, who needed three wins to join the four English riders who have ridden 200 winners, went one better and landed his first four-timer."

Llewellyn also won the men's open division 1 on *Solid Oak*, a division of the restricted on *Goose Green* and the second division of the maiden on *LC Monro*.

St Athan's John Thomas took the second division of the open on *Castle Shepherd* and the Kevin Cousins, a division of the restricted on *Sparkling Lord*.

At the South Pembrokeshire, 18-year-old Joanne Eddy from Porthcawl, and a nurse at Bridgend Hospital, landed her first win when winning the adjacent on Norman Jones' *Luchgello* (Unfortunately, this clipping has been torn so I cannot read what I said about her. Perhaps Joanne still has a copy of my report? If so, it would be nice to hear from her).

What I do know is that *Luchello* was an 8-1 chance and beat the favourite *Reay Royal*.

Two other Vale riders who had winners at the meeting were Jonathan Tudor, who won the second division of the maiden on *Cheek Major* and John Llewellyn who took the first on *Earthbound*.

I was invited to attend a meeting of point-to-point bookmakers at the Crest Hotel in Cardiff and my report read: "Heated arguments about allowing English bookmakers to stand at Welsh point-to-points broke out between bookmakers when 30 of them - mostly Welsh - met at the Crest Hotel in Cardiff recently with the aim of forming the South and West Wales Point-To-Point Bookmakers Association.

"Betting without the favourite, double-sized betting boards and the availability of pitches were other topics that had the gentlemen of the turf hot under the collar.

"Cardiff bookmaker John Lovell said: 'The formation of the association would bring Wales into line with all the other areas in the country and would be of mutual benefit to all concerned.'"

John, who was responsible for bringing

computerised betting to Great Britain, was later sadly killed in a motoring accident. He is still sadly missed and his son James has taken over his role.

'Butcher Brings Home The Bacon' was the heading under my report on the Monmouthshire meeting and I wrote: 'Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor, aged 24, is certainly bringing the bacon home these days. On Friday he was successful on his uncle's *St Helen's Boy* in a hunter chase at Ludlow and on Saturday he scored an impressive win on Gwyn Davies' *Jimsleeves* in the second division of the maiden race at the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

In the winners' enclosure after the race, Mr Davies praised Jonathan for giving his mare a super ride. The former Cowbridge rugby player is making quite a name for himself and is enjoying his best season since he notched up his first winner six years ago. Jonathan also won a division of the maiden on *Jimsleeves*.

The large crowd had 38 bookmakers in attendance to choose from and racecards were soon sold out.

Andrew James had a double with *Dashalong* and *Crumpet Catcher* and Karen Bryan, now wife of leading Welsh trainer Peter Bowen, won the ladies' open race with *Green Blossom*.

'Brilliant Angela Grabs Verdict' was the heading on my report of the Pentrych meeting which read: "Angela Rucker, aged 24, rode a brilliant finish on her own Powerless to land the Western Mail Ladies' Open at the Pentrych Hunt point-to-point meeting.

"The former hurdler was third over the last fence, but got up to win by a head."

It was even closer in the Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National over four miles. *Katesville*, ridden by Tim Jones, finished strongly to dead-heat with the 1988 winner, *Knock On The Head*.

The races are held on land owned by Mr and Mrs Rhys Williams and their Scottish Grand National winner, *Roll-A-Joint*, was paraded in the ring.

Tim Jones was also successful on *Suikerbos* (Members), and *Matt Six* (Maiden division 1) and St Athan's John Thomas won a division of the maiden on *Willow Wood*.

It was also the year that John's grandfather Jack Thomas, a stalwart of the Glamorgan Hunt, who had his first win on *Black Peter* at the Pentrych Hunt Point-To-Point in 1929, sadly died.

He had been involved in the sport for 60 years. These days, Emily Jones is well known in horse racing circles and has ridden winners on the flat, over hurdles, over jumps and has been a successful Arabian horse racing competitor.

But back then she was unknown and under the heading 'Emily Leads Men Merry Dance', I reported: "Emily Jones, aged 17, led her male rivals a merry dance when landing the second division of the maiden at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on her mother's *Come On Sonny*.

"Emily, the only female rider in the race, made every yard of the running on 10-year-old *Come On Sonny* who is qualified with the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt.

Emily was having only her fourth ride in a point-to-point and judging by the way she handled her mount further success should soon be coming her way.

There were wins for John Thomas who won the members' on *Tom Penny* and the second division of the restricted open on *Sally Haven*.

John Llewellyn won the men's open on *Remember Dewi* after Tim Rooney's mount, the

unbeaten *Sir Noddy*, took a tumble at the third fence and Phil Williams had a lucky win on *Sucre Noire* in the first division of the maiden.

A notable racegoer at this meeting, held at St Hilary, was former world marathon record holder Steve Jones.

He was recovering from a leg injury and joked that he had damaged a fetlock.

The unluckiest rider at the Llandeilo Farmers meeting was John Thomas who had a brand new jacket stolen from the jockeys' tent.

It was at this meeting that Tim Jones rode a brilliant finish on Percy Thomas's *Norton's Coin* to win the adjacent by a length from the strongly fancied *One For Mammy*.

*Norton's Coin*, as we all know, went on to win the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup at odds of 100-1.

'Second Could Win By A Nose' was the heading under my report which read: "*Mistress Rock*, the Gwent point-to-pointer, who finished a distant second to *Jymario* in the women's open race at the Llangenor Hunt Steeplechases earlier this year, could be awarded the race.

*Jymario's* owner, Mr Bill Howells, has found himself at odds with the Jockey Club for rubbing Vick on his horse's nose to prevent it catching a cold before the race. Vick is camphor-based and camphor has been used in the past to conceal forbidden drugs administered to horses.

The Jockey Club's dope testing unit turned up at

St Mary Hill racecourse near Bridgend on the day *Jymario* led from start to finish to win by a street from *Mistress Rock* with 21-year-old Annabel Butler in the saddle.

After the race the dope testing unit took a blood sample from the 11-year-old bay gelding *Jymario*, which proved positive.

A Jockey Club inquiry is due to decide on the issue.

And finally, I had a dig at some owners when I wrote: "The biggest disappointment of the season came in the members' race at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting when Bernard Llewellyn's *Merry Tom* was allowed a walk-over.

Mr Llewellyn would be the first to admit that *Merry Tom* is no world beater, yet three other Gelligaer Farmers horses - *Likely Tale*, *Penny Kiron* and *Hillgate Lady* - ran in other races which they had no chance of winning, rather than take him on.

This lack of forethought denied the paying customers a race of sorts. Let us hope members of the hunt will get it act together in time for next year."

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## Bridgend car dealer extends sponsorship of Welsh League Cup

**THE Football Association of Wales (FAW) and Nathaniel MG Cars have announced a new sponsorship deal for the Welsh Premier League Cup.**

The deal is the biggest in the competition's history and its name will remain the Nathaniel MG Cup for the next four seasons, having been so since Nathaniel Cars became the headline sponsor back in 2016/17.

The Bridgend-based company

is a well-established name in south Wales and beyond, with over 30 years' experience of helping customers buy, sell and maintain their cars.

Nathaniel also have a long history of sporting sponsorship, and this extended deal adds to their existing commitment to Welsh sport.

Wayne Griffiths, Nathaniel Car Sales' managing director, commented: "Nathaniel Cars are proud to renew our relationship with the FAW and the Nathaniel MG Cup. This is a great

opportunity, especially with our extended move to Cardiff with our showroom and also our recent sponsorship with Cardiff City FC.

"It is an exciting time for Welsh football with its recent history and Nathaniel Cars are pleased to be a part of it!"

The draw for round one of the 2018/19 competition, which features 24 sides, was made earlier this week at the Nathaniel Cars showroom in Bridgend and released on the JD Welsh Premier League Facebook page.

## Rare triples win for bowlers!

**LAST Thursday evening saw Llantwit Major securing a rare win in the Rockwool Triples League against their local rivals Cowbridge, the second year running that this was achieved!**

The win made up for the heavy defeat at Cowbridge earlier on in the season. The best home rink comprised Mike Eveleigh, Lyn Fry and Ambrose Horgan, playing as skip for the first time - they led from the start and with a couple of fours on the eighth and 11th ends ran out winners by 21 shots to Cowbridge's 11.

Richard Bayliss, Stuart Comer and Mike Harmon had a closely fought encounter, eventually scoring four shots on the last end to secure a 16-13 victory.

Ken Williams, Dave Thomas and John O'Brien also had a close game leading up to the 16th end only to lose three shots on the last two ends to see Cowbridge secure a 13-15 win.

Dave Johnes, Mike Jones and John Moisan, also playing skip for the first time, were behind until the 15th end when they levelled

the score only to concede one shot on each of the last two ends to also lose 13-15; the overall score was 63-54.

The game was played in a good spirit and an enjoyable evening was rounded off by both sides enjoying post-match pasties and liquid refreshments served up by team captain Paul Brown.

The week before saw Llantwit travelling to Bridgend Bowls Club on a rain-soaked Friday evening.

Llantwit won on two rinks - Richard Bayliss, Andy Vincent and Mike Harmon having won the first end then lost the next two but levelled the score on the fifth and with the exception of a three to Bridgend on the 10th end, won the remaining ends to emerge winners by 15-7.

John Bailey, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien had a very close tussle coming away with a 11-10 win.

Dave Johnes, Mike Jones and Eric Sparks had a see-saw game with the lead changing several times but a series of one-shot wins on the last four ends saw the home team emerge winners 7-13.

Ian Williamson, Stuart Comer and Paul Brown struggled,

eventually losing 9-18, the overall score 42-48.

Thanks to Bridgend for the post-match hospitality which concluded an enjoyable evening - even the rain held off until we had finished the match!

Although we had an enjoyable evening, the home game against Pencoeed was a heavy defeat, Llantwit's was pride salvaged through a close win by Ken Williams, Stuart Comer and Geoff Timms who built up a steady lead but gave away six shots on the 15th end and a further four shots on the 16th end, but managed to hang on to emerge winners, 23-21.

Dave Johnes, Lyn Fry and Mike Harmon were playing catch up from the third end onward but couldn't quite get there eventually going down by 11-14.

John Bailey, Mike Jones and Graham Snowdon lead at the third end but then trailed off to see Pencoeed secure a 11-28 win.

Mike Eveleigh, Dave Thomas and Paul Brown had a nightmare evening and lost by 7-35, the overall score 52-98.

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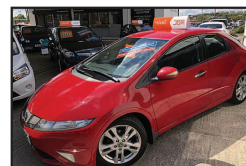
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# Cowbridge cricketers face day of destiny on Saturday

**ON Saturday, Cowbridge take on Gorseinon in what is the most important cricket match to be played at The Athletic Ground for a generation.**

Whichever club emerges victorious will in all likelihood go on to win The Dan Radcliffe Cup and promotion to the South Wales Premier Cricket League.

The South Wales Cricket Association is the league that covers an area from Cowbridge to Llandysul and one club will be promoted.

Currently the differential in Division One is that Gorseinon have 265 and Cowbridge 258. With 20 points available per game, 10 for the win and five each for batting and bowling, whoever wins on Saturday will lead the table.

On form the likelihood is that Gorseinon and Cowbridge would both be expected to win their last two games and so the destiny of both seems to rest on Saturday's match.

Getting into the SWPCL is important. There is little point in playing if success is not sought.

At Cowbridge this ambition is apparent in both individuals, as a team and as a club. Cowbridge possesses all the attributes of a Premier League club and her players need the opportunity to play at the highest level they can.

Who are the men charged with the mission on Saturday?

Seven of them began their careers in the Cowbridge junior section. That in itself emphasises that this is a team that truly represents the town.

The stars of the XI are the opening

batsmen, former Glamorgan star Ben Wright, the handsome driver, and Tom Merilaht the artful nutter.

These two are simply the best combination in the league, would probably be the best in the Premier League and indeed it's hard to imagine that the club has ever had a better pair.

Both have scored over one thousand runs already this year. The others to have emerged from the junior section include captain Chris Willey, like Tom Merilaht from Penlyne, leading wicket taker Tom Williams from Llanmihangel and young pace bowlers Sam Russell from Ystradown and Rian Thomas from Broadway.

The club has been fortunate that Jack Cropper and Nick Wood, both very substantial talents as batsman and off spinner moved to Cowbridge to live and they have both made substantial contributions this year.

Adding an international dimension are Zimbabwean students Brad Evans and Tatenda Ciradz. Both played for their country at junior levels and now study at Cardiff Met University.

They have added some real class to the bowling and batting. Brad in particular has shown the priceless ability to put a game out of an opponent's reach.

The Harare thunderbolt regularly puts Cowbridge's opponents under pressure by getting their top order batsmen out and scores runs with an astonishing strike rate.

The squad will also include Jack Harris or Matt Harper, both of whom are attacking batsmen from Pontyclun and Colwynston respectively.

The match is sure to be a tense affair. However this season on average Cowbridge have won their matches by 8 wickets or 94 runs while Gorseinon have been victorious by five wickets or 55 runs.

That would suggest Cowbridge have been defeating their opponents by substantially greater margins than Gorseinon. The bowling seems to be edged by Cowbridge where the top five bowlers' combined average is 14.2 against Gorseinon's 15.9.

With the bat Cowbridge would seem to again have an advantage averaging 66.3 against 55.5. If these statistics give Cowbridge some encouragement it would be foolish to read too much into them. The real message is that it will be a tight match.

So what were the details of that last big game of similar importance played on August Bank Holiday, 1974?

Howard Morgan's side needed to beat Pontypridd to tie for the Conference title with Barry.

In a low-scoring game on a wet but drying pitch, Howard, Gerald Leeke and John Bevan got wickets and saw Cowbridge home despite only having only 86 to defend.

Your support of the Cowbridge first XI could make all the difference. Captain Chris Willey and the lads can do something special on Saturday. It promises to be quite a contest, don't miss it!

The match starts at 1.30pm and the bar will be open at 4pm.

JRB

## Chairman's Cup at St Mary's Golf Club

**THE senior section of St Mary's Golf Club teed off in their annual Chairman's Cup.**

This popular competition attracted a good field of 39 and the continued good scoring conditions resulted in many excellent returns.

Scored in the stableford format, all of the top three places were decided on returns better than the equivalent par of 36 points.

Doug Mein secured third place with a score of 38 points, one less than second-placed Wayne Newton.

The trophy, however, was claimed by Paul Jordan with an excellent

nett 40 points.

With their run of friendly matches coming to a close, the section's penultimate game was played two days later against the seniors of Cottrell Park GC.

In spite of the damp start, the St Mary's team were smarting from the first leg 8-0 whitewash.

Honour was somewhat restored, however, with a good 5-3 home win.

As always, the match was played in good humour with an opportunity to renew old friendships.

The final home game against Neath GC this week brings the season to a close.

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## Local 10K race on the horizon

**YOU know it is August when the Llantwit Major 10k rolls round again.**

This year the event is being held on August 25 with the 5k warm up race at 10am and the main event coastal 10k at 10.45am. Finally the hugely popular 1k race for children will take place before the prize giving.

Anyone who has run the race before will agree that the route is beautiful. Starting and finishing in lovely Llantwit Major and taking in ancient hill forts, meadows and cliff tops the race is suitable for all levels of runner, with water stops, crowd support and fully licenced by Welsh Athletics.

The races were first run as a one-off tribute to local runner David

Synans. They were so successful that the race is now in its fourth year with entries again selling fast.

Like previous years, every finisher will get a medal and as a special bonus for 2018 all 10k finishers will also get a quality technical running shirt thanks to the generosity of a group of local sponsors.

This is a first for the Llantwit Major 10k as the organisers have always tried to keep entry cost to an absolute minimum and maintain the not-for-profit community event feel as much as possible.

For more information on running or volunteering, go to llantwitmajor10k.co.uk

facebook.com/llantwitmajor10k.

## Edward lands three-timer

**EDWARD Vaughan, the 10-year-old son of Aberthin's Tim and Abby Vaughan, brought his career total of pony race winners to 36 when landing a brilliant hat-trick on a recent visit to Ireland.**

Edward, who earlier this year won the British 138cms and 148cms national pony racing championships, came in for a lot of praise from the Irish press when winning on *Sore Loser*, *Sandy Cove* and *Another Tiger* at a meeting in Cahersiveen in south east Ireland.

He had five rides and also picked up a third on *The Bosses Daughter* and a fourth on *Carrig Ava*.

BRIAN LEE

## News from Porthcawl Bridge Club

**LATEST results from the club are:**

Saturday, July 2: first – John Beard and Tony Haworth; second – Norma and David Newman.

Thursday, July 26: first – Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; second – Alwyn Hill and David Rance.

Saturday, July 28: first – Dil and Marian Evans; second – Tony Haworth and John Beard.

Thursday, August 2: first – Roger Draper and Rory Gibbons; second – Janet Richards and Sue Anthony.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre, Thursdays 6.45pm-9.45pm and Saturdays 3pm-6pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

TH

# Late drama sees Vale seconds maintain their title dream

**A LAST-minute withdrawal from the firsts resulted in Vale seconds losing their skipper Matthew Thomas.**

However, evergreen Vale stalwart Mark Francis was on hand to take up the reins.

Creigiau won the toss and had no hesitation in choosing to bat on another hot day in south Wales.

Creigiau made steady progress against the Vale opening attack of Idris Merry and Greg Andrews.

Merry bowled a particularly tight spell conceding only 13 runs from his opening six overs.

Vale's first bowling change saw the introduction of left arm spinner Glyn Jones and at the other end Sean Rowland. It was Rowland who struck Vale's first blow removing Laurie Jones caught by wicket keeper Ashley Taylor.

This was followed quickly with the removal of the other opener Lloyd John (33) who was clean bowled.

Rowland completely put the brakes on the Creigiau batsmen and bowled an outstanding economical spell returning figures of 8-5-10-2.

The introduction of leg spinner Jimbo Thomas resulted in the fall of the third wicket as Glyn Jones held a sharp chance at square leg.

At the 30 over mark Creigiau were 116-3 and looking to accelerate with a sound partnership developing between Dafydd Griffiths (64\*) and Peter O'Hanlon (39) with some hard hitting.

This partnership was finally broken when Francis brought Merry back into the attack as he bowled O'Hanlon which was quickly followed by a second wicket in the over, leaving Merry with figures of 2-27.

In what proved to be an eventful over there were also two run-outs as Glyn Jones and skipper Francis sent returns in over the stumps to see the batsmen short of their ground. Creigiau finished their 40 overs with a respectable 194-7.

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## Friendlies for Cowbridge RFC

**COWBRIDGE RFC play the first of their two pre-season warm-up games this Saturday on the school field, kick-off at 2.30pm.**

Their opponents are Chipping Sodbury who are something of an unknown quantity but will present an interesting challenge and an opportunity for the coaches to see how training has gone regarding fitness and combinations and for the players to get a hit out.

The following week they take on Pyle, again on the school field. If you want to get involved then come down to the games and of course training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The season kicks off on September 1 with an away trip to Gwynedf, near Brecon, for what promises to be the start of an exciting season; we look forward to seeing you.

RK/RV

## Petanque in Llancarfan

**THINK of the great temples of French sport and Roland Garros and Parc des Princes comes to mind, not to mention those brutal Tour de France stages such as Alpes d'Huez.**

This weekend, however, you can add Llanccarfan to that list, as all eyes in the Vale village turn to its petanque piste, where competition will begin for the Ruth Watts Trophy.

It all starts on Sunday, August 12 at 2pm and it is an open event. Invitations are for teams of three.

Competitors and spectators are welcome to bring refreshments and assist the Watts family celebrate the annual event.

For more details, contact Russ Watts - russ.watts@btopenworld.com or (07779 157407)

## Bad week for the ladies

**ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies welcomed Prince of Wales Sandpiper team.**

Settling down immediately they soon went into the lead on all rinks and showed some excellent bowling.

Ros, Pat, Ann and Eryl were unable to stop their steady progress, losing 10-24.

Linda, Jen, Julie and Marilyn, although managing to win eight of the 18 ends, did not fare much better, losing 13-19.

Wyn, Margaret, Carol and Helen, although all even on the 14th end, lost 11-15.

It was not a good end to our Cowbridge Shield season.

On Thursday we travelled to Pencoed for a league game.

The weather had not been kind to the Pencoed green and it proved a challenging one for both teams.

Joan, Margaret, Marilyn and Julie could not hold back the excellent Pencoed team, losing 11-23.

Ann, Mo, Etta and Gill had an excellent game in

the lead from the ninth end - they were 13-12 on the 17th end only to drop a two on the last end, losing by one, hard luck girls.

Dilys, Eryl, Helen and Carol could not hold back an excellent team from Pencoed, losing 13-23.

Unfortunately with Pencoed gaining 10 points from this game they have gone ahead of us in the league table.

Never mind ladies hopefully we will do better this week.

CW

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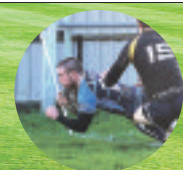




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## Winning streak continues, and title hopes live on, for Porthcawl firsts

**PORHCRAWL Cricket Club's impressive winning streak continued at Aberdare as skipper Jack Tuck and medium pacer George Mead produced remarkable performances to lead the Seaside to an impressive five wicket success.**

The win takes Tuck's side into third spot, with three games to play, but Landore and Margam remain in the top two positions and are still favourites for promotion, as the Locks Lane side are still paying the penalty for a sluggish start to the campaign.

The hosts looked to be in total command until Mead was handed the ball and he produced a remarkable career best spell to demolish the Aberdare innings with a sensational 7.4 over stint that yielded him extraordinary figures of 6-11.

From 104-0 the home innings crumbled and they were bowled out for 156 on a good wicket that looked full of runs.

Chris Shopland was the main threat to the visitors as he plundered 64, an innings containing 10 boundaries. He was well supported in the opening stand by Jeremy

Crooker who was the more sedate partner, just four fours highlighting his 37.

Liam Derrick added 19 but the remainder of the batting found Mead too hot to handle.

The spin of Josh Aubrey and veteran Steve Richmond also proved troublesome to the home batsmen, Aubrey's 10 overs earning him an excellent return of 2-31 while Richmond finished with 1-31.

In reply, with two prime batsmen in Nick Morgan and Rob Jones unavailable, Porthcawl lost two early wickets, although Richmond's 19 steadied the ship in harness with Tuck.

The skipper then started to take the game by the scruff of the neck, producing his most polished batting display for many years.

Support came from Tim Richards and Will Frost, who added 14 and 11, but Tuck was imperious in his approach cracking a brilliant undefeated 91 in 70 balls, with 15 rope finders the highlights.

It was a true captain's innings demonstrating his pedigree since pushing himself up to the number four spot.

For the home side, Crooker was expensive but was still the main wicket taker, his brace of wickets coming at the

cost of 59 runs from just eight overs.

Tim Godsall's eight overs, on the other hand, was frugal, his one wicket costing just 15 runs. There was also a wicket apiece for Asim Ahmed and Graeme Hughes.

*Aberdare 160 all out, Porthcawl 160-5.*

**FOLLOWING this latest defeat to fellow strugglers Mumbles A, Porthcawl Cricket Club seconds now face a desperate fight for survival, but, not for the first time this season, the hosts will reflect on a winning position being squandered.**

Having posted a creditable 164, the Seaside will also reflect that they were bowled out five overs short of their 40 over allocation, again not the first time they have failed to bat their full allowance.

Mumbles looked a beaten outfit as they slumped to 80-5 but Paul Mason's side failed to cement their superiority as the visitors battled back.

At 138-7, Mumbles were still in trouble but Alex Protheroe saw his side home with 24 not out, including five boundaries.

The recovery, however, was led by Rhys Davies, whose 34 included six boundaries and opening bat Tony

Dowrick also racked up half a dozen boundaries in his 34.

Daniel Thomas contributed 22 while Sean Davies and Joe Phillips made double figure contributions.

Skipper Paul Mason led from the front to take 3-18 in eight impressive overs and pace bowler Marc Thompson was his usual penetrative self, taking 2-33. Dave Lewis chipped in with 1-35.

Earlier, Mason continued his excellent batting form top-scoring with 42, an innings containing 36 in boundaries. Lewis hit 31

with six fours and young Steffan Flood found the ropes four times in his promising 20.

James Rees made 14 and there was 13 each for Stephen Jenkins and Rob Warren, but, once again the innings fell short of a major contribution.

For the Swansea suburban side, Rhys Davies was the main threat with 3-23 from eight overs and Joshua Sharp polished off the tail with 3-15.

*Porthcawl seconds 164 all out, Mumbles A seconds 167-7.*

JOHN EDWARDS

## Bridgend Bridge Club results

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

On Wednesday, August 1: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; third, Mike Best and David Birt. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner.

On Thursday, August 2: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Stewart Norton and Maggie Ashpole; equal third, Peter and Hilary Rowley, and Margaret

Roach and Joan Ralph. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

On Friday, August 3: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, Carolyn Matthews and Irene Thomas; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of lessons for beginners will start on Monday, September 3, at Noltan Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The lessons will continue every Monday and are practically based using example hands.

Whether you have some basic knowledge of the game, having played in the past, or are a complete beginner, you will be most welcome.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email [Steve@steveburgoyne.pl.us.com](mailto:Steve@steveburgoyne.pl.us.com).

GJ

## Griffiths beats Barry 10K field – and the heat!

**SWANSEA Harrier Dewi Griffiths won the 'Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K' race on Sunday, August 5.**

He showed no sign of the stress fracture that ruled him out of the World Championships and Commonwealth Games as he led from the start and stormed through the undulating first 5K in 14:44 ahead of Cardiff AAC's Matt Clowes and Welsh teammate Josh Griffiths.

The pair gave chase through Romilly Park and along the Knap beach, but the British international dug deep to hold-off the familiar contenders before a downhill finish.

Griffiths crossed the line in 29:48 ahead of Clowes who came home in 30:27, while Griffiths was another 62 seconds back in third.

Following his win, Griffiths explained: "By the time I got to 7K I was in the hurt locker, but I was fortunate to be able to look back on my experiences in the past where it has hurt and I've been able to hold on."

"I knew if I was hurting, then everyone else was, but those hills hurt in the heat."

"I came here wanting to run under 30 minutes and I've done that so it's a step towards the ultimate goal which is getting back to where I was."

"I missed out on the World Championships and I missed the Commonwealth Games so those goals are there for me, and I want to go to the Olympics in Tokyo."

In the women's race, Bristol AC runner Eelsey Davis went head to head with Rachel Felton in a Run 4 Wales 10K series decider.

Davis won at the Brecon Carreg Cardiff Bay Run while Felton took the inaugural ABP Newport Wales 10K title.

Davis earned a lead of 25 seconds at the halfway mark and held-off Felton to take the victory in 34:37, a full minute ahead of her nearest rival.

Welsh 400m legend Iwan Thomas challenged runners to beat him in aid of Wales' leading children's charity Ty Hafan.

A total of 281 runners crossed the finish line before Thomas, earning the Sully-based charity a massive £2,810 from official partners Healthspan.

Thomas said: "It was



Swansea's Dewi Griffiths won the men's race.



Eelsey Davis of Bristol AC won the women's race.



Welsh athletics legend Iwan Thomas ran for charity.

the hottest but best 10K I have ever done. The scenery was absolutely amazing.

"We raised over £2,000 which is absolutely brilliant; it was a weird one because I didn't mind people beating me because it's for such a great charity, the competitive edge kicked in but I had nothing left!"

The race will return in 2019 so runners are urged to keep an eye out for updates. TC

## Pencoed RFC's inaugural sevens tournament proves a success!



The senior overs men were crowned champions at the Tondy sevens rugby tournament.

See more pictures from the day by JULIE HANCOCK on page 25.

**PENCOED RFC held their first ever sevens tournament on Saturday, August 4.**

The teams were made of different ages and sections of the club.

The first game started at 11am

with squads of 12 with rolling substitutions and was made up of two pools.

The day featured Pencoed RFC and former Wales scrum-half Gareth Cooper and Sam Costelow, who is soon to be flying out to South Africa to play for Wales under-18s on August

10.

There was a family fun day, which included bouncing castles, bbq and music, and the tournament itself was a great success with the senior overs mens team crowned champions on the day!

JH

Got a sports story, match report or item of interest? Then get in touch with us - email [sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk)